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EDITORIAL

. . . . AIDS

In this issue are two obituaries, one for Lynne Carter, and one for Tiffany Jones. Both died of AIDS related diseases.

I first became acquainted with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) when a person I knew died. She was a street person, a sexually promiscuous hooker, and not particularly nice. Like most people, I shrugged my shoulders, and went about my business. I can't remember exactly what I was thinking or feeling, but I do remember feeling a sense of indifference towards the victim, making comparisons to Legionnaire's Disease, and feeling anger towards people who claimed AIDS was God's way of punishing gay people. One thing I did not feel was concern.

Then more people died - but they were people I didn't know, and it was still hard to feel concern. I wasn't gay, and wasn't sexually active, so I didn't personally feel threatened. Then Brandie Alexander died, and suddenly AIDS became a real threat.

Brandie, a professional entertainer, was performing in Provincetown during the first Fantasia Fair. She befriended the Fair participants, and went out of her way to help them. Because of her efforts she made that first Fair a most memorable experience, and was voted 'Miss Most Helpful' for that year. I did not participate in the first Fair, and did not meet Brandie until a year later in a New York City bar. She was very pleasant to talk to, and a wonderful entertainer. I sincerely liked her - not as a performer, but as a person. Whenever she performed in the Boston area I made a special point of visiting her, and we became friends. When she died I thought, "My God, what a tragedy. She was such a lovely person ... and so talented. What a loss, not just for me, but for everyone." AIDS became a personal threat. It had taken the life of someone I cared about.

More people began dying, first by the hundreds, then thousands ... good people, productive people, people with

a great deal to give to society as a whole. - Then, Lynne Carter and Tiffany Jones.

When I first heard of their deaths I felt more than sad. I felt sick, and angry, and fearful. Lynne and Tiffany had given me some of the finest and most memorable entertainment I have ever known, and Tiffany was one of the nicest people I had ever met. When I read Tiffany's obituary in Provincetown's newspaper 'The Advocate' I cried. It seemed like a piece of the life of Provincetown had been taken away from me.

AIDS is killing my friends - and yours.

Marissa Sherrill Epp

P.S. Please help us fight this terrible disease. You cannot feel indifference. The consequences are too great. So please, do whatever you have to do to get yourself motivated - get compassionate, get angry, get terrified, get anything, so long as it moves you to action!

For information on what's happening in your area, and to find out what you can do, contact:

National Gay Task Force Hotline (1-800-221-7044) a toll free national hotline run by NGTF to provide information and referrals.

COMING EVENTS

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MAJOR EVENTS, 1985

5/28-6/3/85 Tiffany's Annual Convention in Provincetown, MA
6/7-9/85 'Be All You Want To Be' Week-End, Ann Arbor MI
6/28-30/85 Shangri-La outing in Tehachapi CA
9/13-15/85 Joyce Dewhurst's Fall Fantasy Weekend in the Poconos
10/4-6/85 Tiffany's Wives Support Group Outing for Couples in Provincetown MA
10/18-27/85 Outreach Institute's Fantasia Fair in Provincetown MA
4/15-20/86 Shangri-La in Biloxi MS

New England

** TIFFANY CLUB **
(Open, non-sexual) Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575
Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday
Business Meetings: 8pm, 4th Saturday of each month. General and Key members are encouraged to attend.
Wives Support Group: Very active, with a variety of programs, and flexible schedule.
Educational Programs: Topics of specific interests (legal, medical, political, etc). irregularly scheduled
Personal Improvement Classes: (make-up, comportment, wardrobe, etc.) irregularly scheduled
Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Anne Ashley, organizer
Cross-dresser's Convention, P-town: May 28 - June 3, 1985
Steak-out Bar-B-Q & Party: Saturday, June 22, 1985
Steak & Clam Bake: Saturday, August 17, 1985
Fall Open House & Chicken Bar-B-Q: Saturday, September 21, 1985
Couple's P-town Outing: October 4-6, 1985

** OUTREACH INSTITUTE **
P.O. Box 368, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215
Functions: Irregularly scheduled workshops, seminars, etc.
Fantasia Fair: Tentatively scheduled for October 18-27, 1985

** MAYFOWER SOCIETY **
(Boston, sexual alternatives) Box 66, Allston MA 02134
Meetings: The weekly meeting usually begins at 7pm each Friday night.
Parties: 2nd Saturday of each month.

** HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND **
(Rhode Island, open, non-sexual) Occupant, Box 143, N. Kingston RI 02852
Meetings: First Saturday evening of each month, and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month.
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Halcyon sponsors many events such as overnight trips to P-town and Bar Harbor, boat cruises, dinners, etc. Inquire for events, dates and times.

** HARRIET LANE'S TV SET **
(Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166
Parties: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.
(**** Due to a recent relocation, parties are suspended until further notice.)

** XX (TWENTY) CLUB **
(Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, Box 6070 Sta. 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646
Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

** CONN. CHAPTER - GGA **
(Connecticut, Open, non-sexual) Box 744, Branford, CT 06405
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Saturday each month

New York

** NYC GGA CHAPTER **
(Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St., , NYC NY 10019 (212)582-6823
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** JOYCE DEWHURST, BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE **
(NYC, open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048
Poconos Weekend: September 13-15, 1985

** LEE'S MARDI GRAS **
(Social) Lee's Mardi Gras , 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036
Parties:
Saturday, September 7th
Tuesday, October 8th
Saturday, November 23rd
Wednesday, December 11th
NEW YEARS EVE December 31st
Columbus Day Outing: Weekend outing to Provincetown, MA. tentatively scheduled for the second weekend of October, 1985

** EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY **
(NYC, For those with S/M & B/D fantasies) The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Sta., NYC, NY 10163 (212) 477-6588
Functions: Frequent events specifically oriented for the TV. Inquire for times & location.

** LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB **
(Open, non-sexual) Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

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(Metro NY, Closed, heterosexual) L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

** TV ENTERTAINERS GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) Alice Hess, PO Box 666, Albany, NY 12201 518-463-7774 (ask for Wilma)
Meetings: 7 p.m. the 2nd Saturday each month at 226 Jefferson St., Albany, NY

** BUTTERFLY **
(Western NY, Open, Non-sexual) PO Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760)
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** 'EON' **
(Open, non-sexual) Eon, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** BUFFALO, NY **
(Western NY, Open) J. Storm, PO BOX 302, Buffalo, NY 14205
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

New Jersey, Pennsylvania

** PHI CHAPTER (GGA) **
(South NJ, Phila., open non-sexual) c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)

** NU CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Northern NJ, Open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

** NORTHERN NJ SOCIAL GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristonw, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Meetings: last Saturday of each month

** SUE HALL **
(NJ, TVs and Swingers) Sue Hall Ent., Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831
Meetings: Mondays, dress as you like

** TRANSPITT **
(Social, open, non-sexual) Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15211
Meetings: the 3rd Saturday of each odd-numbered month.

Mid Atlantic

** DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Baltimore - DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254, Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)
Christmas Party: Dec. 22

** ACADAMY AWARDS **
(Baltimore - Wash. DC, Drag - gay) c/o B.A. Lind, Box 11254, Alexandria, VA 22312
Functions: Inquire for events, times, and locations

** CAPITAL CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Baltimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Pam Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall VA 22115
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)

** JANUS/DC **
(Washington DC, Transsexual Support) Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20011
Meetings: 4th Thursday each month

** HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Virginia, open) N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Meetings: irregularly scheduled

South

** THE ELITE TV CO. **
(Georgia, Open) Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP ATLANTA, GA **
(Transsexual support) PO Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033
Meetings: Twice a month. Inquire for times and locations

** SERENITY **
(Open, non-sexual) Nikki Bee, Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022
Meetings: No schedule available at this time.

** GENDER DYSPHORIA CENTER **
(Galveston, transsexual support) Alice (713) 763-6227
Meetings: 1st Saturday each month exept July, August & September

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** SAN ANTONIO - GGA **
(Texas, Open, Non-sexual) Jaquiline Allen, c/o SAMC-GGA, Box 169672, San Antonio, TX 78280-3272
Meetings: schedule unavailable

Midwest

** WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month

** CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS) **
(Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** CROSSROADS CHAPTER **
(Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** PARADISE CLUB **
(Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month. (There are reports of socials during the odd numbered months, but inquire first.)

** GENESIS **
(Open, non-sexual) Genesis, PO Box 954. Elyria, OH 44036

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Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** NORTH INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA) **
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Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** IOWA/ILLINOIS CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Eastern Iowa, Western Illinois, Open, Non-sexual) Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** WISCONSIN NETWORK **
(Open to gay and bi- men and women as well as TVs and TSs, non-sexual) Dee Dailey, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month

Intermountain

** DENVER GENDER IDENTITY CENTER **
(Service, information, contacts and professional staff serving the crossdressing community.) Denver GIC, 2715 W. 32nd Ave, Denver CO 80211, 303-458-5378
Morning Group: Inquire for time & day
Adolescent Group: Scheduled according to need. Inquire first.
Spouses Group: 1st Tuesday of each month. (Subject to change. Inquire first.)
Monday Evening Rap Session: Every Monday, 8 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Group: (For those ready to deal with the issues.) Every Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Voice & Movement: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. (by registration only)
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Workshops and seminars for professionals, education, etc. Inquire for topics, times & dates.

** COMMIT **
(Colorado, Social/Service) Commit, P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO 61316 (303) 297-9585
Business meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month
Membership meetings: 2nd Tuesday of February, May, September

Southwest

** SPECTRUM **
(Arizona, open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix AZ 85063
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

California

** SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS) **
(Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
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Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Inquire

** CHIC (CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB **
(Closed, heterosexual) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)456-6511
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** SHANGRI-LA CLUB **
(National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri-La West: June 28-30, 1985
Shangri-La '86: April 15-20, 1986
Shangri-La West: June 27-29, 1986

** SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

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(Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 (408)734-3773
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month
Santa Rosa: 1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2525 Cleveland Ave. (707) 526 2500
Sacramento Chapter: 2nd Friday of each month. Write: Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento CA 95838

** PACIFIC CENTER **
(Community Services for sexual minorities) P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (408) 841-6224
Meetings: Rap sessions the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Special Topic or Speaker: Last Friday of each month

** EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC) **
(San Francisco, Open, Non-sexual) Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101
Meetings: Last Thursday of each month

Northwest

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Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** EMERALD CITY **
(Open, non-sexual) Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE **
(TV/TS Support group, non-sexual) Seattle Counseling Service, 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122
Meetings: Every Friday 8-10 p.m.

** SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER **
(Hawaii) 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 926-1000
Meetings: Discussion group, 7:30, every Tuesday

Canada

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** TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) **
(Open, non-sexual) CP 1164 Succ H, Montreal, Que Can H3G-2N1 514-352-7481
Meetings: 2nd Saturday 2:00pm, and 4th Thursday 7:30pm.

** QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL AID, INC. **
(Transsexual support, French speaking) Viviane Audrey, Box 385, Mont-Royal Quebec, Canada H3P-3E6
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** FACT (FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS) **
FACT, Box 291, Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ont Can L8N-3C8 416-539-7884
Meetings: 2nd Friday of each month, visitors welcome

** METAMORPHOSIS **
(Support for the F-M transsexual) Box 5963, Sta. 'A', Toronto Ont Can M5W-1P4
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

GREAT BRITAIN

** BEAUMONT SOCIETY **
(Closed, heterosexual) Beaumont Society, Box 3084, London England WC1N-3XX
London: First Wednesday each month
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Woodford Green: Inquire for time and location
King's Langley: Third Saturday each month
Braintree: Third Wednesday each month
Harlow: Practically any time - by arrangement
Cambridge: Second Saturday each month
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Eye: Every Tuesday

** SHAFT (SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS) **
(Transsexual support, non-sexual) SHAFT, 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5-9UX
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** FRIEND MERSEYSIDE **
(Closed, heterosexual) 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, L1-4DI England (051)708-0234
Meetings: Fridays 8pm onwards

** THE TV/TS SOCIAL GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) 274 Upper St., Islington, London N.1. England 01-359-4868 (Fri, Sat, Sun 8-10pm)
Meetings: Every Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 11:00pm, at the above address

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** SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) Scottish TV/TS Group, c/o SHRG 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh, EH1 35A Scotland (031) 556-4049
Meetings: Last Saturday each month

EUROPE

** TRANS-CCL **
(France, support for sexual minorities) Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France (1) 226-7048 (also, help line Mon. 8-10pm [1] 627-4936) (Rev. Douce speaks English)
Meetings: 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month
Dinner: 5th Saturday of the month (4 times a year)

** ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE **
(France, closed membership, heterosexual) Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France
Meetings: Schedule not available

** F.P.E. **
(Denmark, closed membership, heterosexual) M.A. Postboks 192, DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (do not put F.P.E. on envelope)
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(Switzerland, inquire for membership qualifications) Femme Travestie, 8023 Zurich, Postfach 6788, Switzerland
Meetings: Schedule not available, but very active

FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA

** ELIZABETH CLUB **
(Japan, open) Ant Trading Co., Sakata Bldg, 1-12 Iwamoto-Cho Kanda, Chiuoda-Ku, Tokyo 101, Japan
Meetings: No schedule available. Private facilities in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya

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** SEAHORSE CLUB **
(Australia, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society)
Seahorse Victoria (Melbourne) GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 Australia
Social Evenings: 2nd Saturday of each month
The Seahorse Club of Australia (Sydney) Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia - Meetings: Last Friday of each month
National Seahorse Club of Australia (Adelaide) write: Lynda Ailion, P.O. Box 89, Norwood, South Australia 5067 - meeting schedule unavailable

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(New Zealand, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society) Ms J.F. Gall (National Secretary), Hedesthia Central, P.O. Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland 2 New Zealand
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

VACATIONS

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(Cape Cod, open non-sexual) The Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA., 01778 (617)358-5575
May 28 thru June 3, 1985: Annual 3 to 6 day event held each Spring in Provincetown, MA. This is the 'Club Med Vaca-

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(Cape Cod, Open, Non-sexual) Eve Goodwin, Dept FF, Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215

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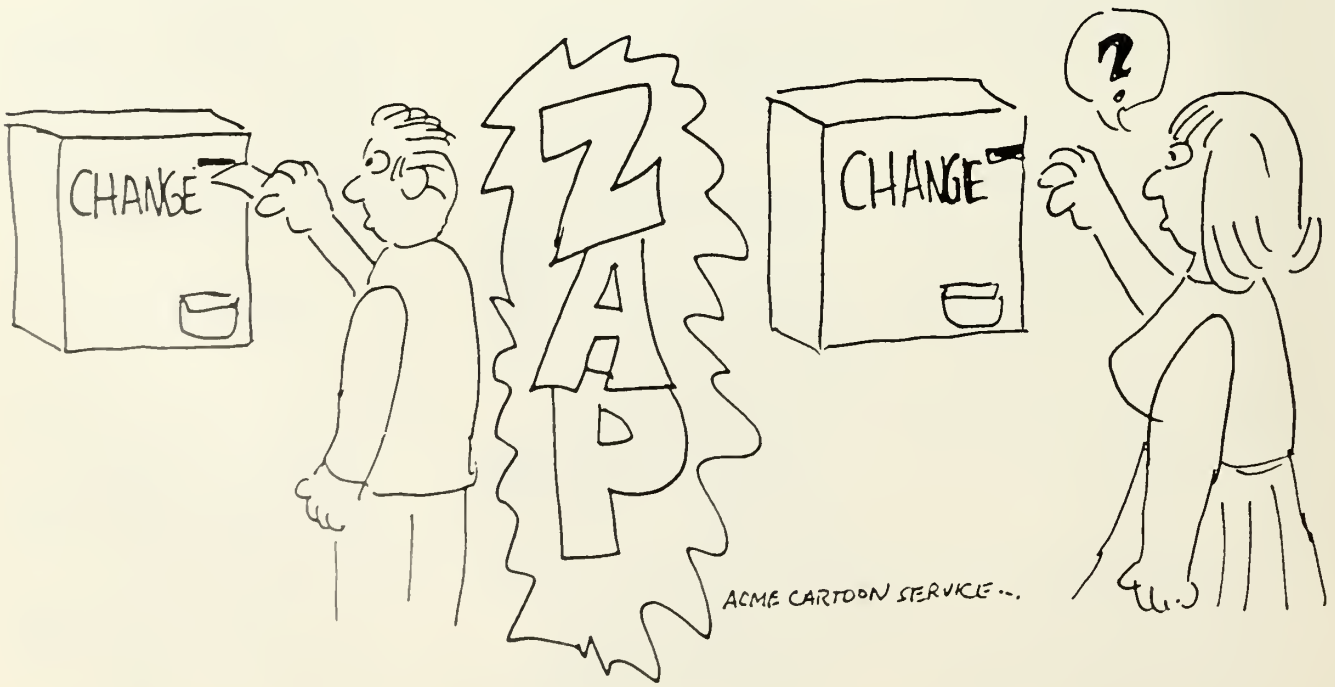

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(A letter to cross-dressers)

THE "JOYS" OF BEING A WOMAN
by Niela Miller

Sometimes I have to chuckle at the irony of it all. There you are doing your absolute best to create yourself in the femme image, going through a lot of trouble to shape your body with all its accouterments as well as you can to give that illusion of womanliness and loveliness, feeling so wonderful when you succeed, having a glimmer, you think, of what it must be like to walk around in a feminine body, to be admired, courted, flirted with, etc etc.

Here I am, a genuine woman, doing yoga every day to counteract the pain in my upper back from carrying around ten pound weights on my chest called breasts, with a body stretched from two pregnancies (Rubenesque and well proportioned, but totally unfashionable by today's standards), and at an unfashionable age (50) to boot--so that my male peers pass me by and look for young, taut, skinny girls to romance.

My real femininity has nothing to do with ruffles, lipstick, or waist measurements. A few of you have been able to touch those places in yourself, but very few.

A woman is born to carry another human being inside her, and to feed that being from her body. Whether she ever has a child or not, she always has a sense of herself as the potential holder and nurturer of new life. This affects her psyche as does learning to be like mother. She is a relater - to her own inner being (body sensations, dreams, emotions, creative process) and to those around her in wanting to know and listen to their inner beings. Metaphorically, there are perpetual babies growing inside her which she feels through her attention to what's happening and nurtures through her expression of this inner self to the outside world. Between women, this kind of sharing goes on naturally.

Unlike women who seek to emulate and identify with mother, most men in our culture must learn to separate and differentiate themselves from mother, being like her, being under her influence. The TV has a split; on the one hand, he yearns to be like mother, soft, yielding, attractive, receptive. He overcompensates for these desires by being, often, extremely macho--so that even though, when dressed, he may try to imitate female behavior, he cannot quite grasp feminine Being as we have described it above. He tends to, in social situations, either maintain his macho behavior; egocentrism, power without love, need to control, lack of intouchness with the inner self---or he goes to the other extreme; passivity, lack of expression, suppression of personality---thinking he's being feminine. Well-integrated TVs learn how to operate more androgynously i.e. appropriate to the situation. In conversation they move back and forth between themselves as the subject under discussion, and the other person as equally interesting; they collaborate more in decision-making processes and support each other's ideas; their physical movements are sometimes exhuberant, sometimes graceful---according to their feeling state, not some stereotype about how women move.

And finally, we all graduate to the state of human being where it doesn't matter much what our label is, where we can be all of who we are. E.g., I can stand in front of a large corporate group being forceful, direct, funny and powerful, and 100% woman, both feminine and masculine. I can sit quietly holding your hand and telling you about my experience of pain and wonder with my daughter's death and asking you about your experiences. Two different aspects of me, both fully operative.

I have had pain as a woman. I have had joy as a woman. I have imagined being a man, and developed aspects of myself across the spectrum.

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I am a woman with a wide range of expression. You can be a man with a wide range of expression. We can each be well developed human beings with integrated masculine and feminine aspects.

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Dear Editor

I was quite gratified to see my letter printed in the latest issue of the Tapestry. I only hope that it convinces others to be cautious in their correspondence and in giving out information that could hurt themselves.

D.M. (CA)

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(The following letter was edited from 'Beaumont Bon Mots', a newsletter published for the Beaumont Society in London and Southeast England. It is being published because it was written by Sharron, the daughter of a TV. Sharron has a clear and important message, namely the importance of having your personal act together, and the value of helping others. Her message is especially important to crossdressers everywhere who are also parents.)

HOW I SEE IT
From the15 year old daughter
of a transvestite

When Dad dresses he is less bad tempered and his whole personality changes, and he becomes more relaxed.

I have recently been to a few meetings, and have enjoyed the evening very much. It gave me a chance to meet new friends and to see old friends again. The atmosphere is always friendly and so are the people who enjoy attending meetings where they too can meet new friends.

Now that Dad holds meetings in our home it has again given the chance for new and old friends to socialize.

Over the past year, I have met more and more transvestites and have enjoyed talking to many of them. When I am asked, 'What do you think of your Dad dressing in women's clothes?', the reply is always, 'Fine, I don't mind; he's my Dad and what he does is up to him. I'll stand by him and back him up whenever needed, as would, I know, my Mum and sisters.' Over the years my Mum and Dad, I think, have done some good with their advice and help which they have given to many transvestites and their wives, who may have been faced with problems concerning their marriage/family; it may just be that they can't come to terms with transvestism.

Recently, I had an experience with a distraught transvestite when he phoned up asking to speak to Dad who was unfortunately out at a meeting with Mum. The voice on the other end of the line seemed very nervous and really needed someone to talk to and tell him about dressing up in his mother's clothes, and to get his worries out into the open. I spent about 15 minutes talking to this person, and even though at the time I felt petrified in case I said something wrong which might have scared him off, when I put the phone down I felt that I had done some good. Towards the end of the conversation he sounded more relaxed and had asked me several questions about transvestites. I'm just glad that I was of some help and maybe helped one person overcome his guilt feelings of dressing in women's clothes.

- Sharron

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Dear Editor

I continue to enjoy receiving Tapestry. The excellent quality of the magazine is being maintained. Thanks so much for being you, and doing all this - helping our community by publishing Tapestry.

Micheline (CAN-0560)

P.S. I have received some nice replies to my ad in Tapestry.

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My Dear Sisters,

Recently I rode across Florida with the wife of a fellow employee where I work. She is a department manager at one of the larger women's fashion stores in Boston. The conversation led to men buying women's clothing. As her husband is a very macho homophobe I expected a cynical 'humorous' account of these 'crazies'. I was surprised and pleased to hear several sympathetic anecdotes of men 'built like line backers and as nice as can be' regularly buying clothes for themselves. She said that usually it depends on the salesperson. Men build up a rapport with individuals. She herself has several customers who come to her regularly. By the by, she had no idea of my own transvestism.

I think we 'girls' forget sometimes that the purchase of clothing is an everyday thing to women and they aren't as likely to look for any negative things. It is we who have brought the anxiety to the situation. I myself am shy (but resolute) when I go shopping. If I am comfortable in the situation (or at least appear so) the salesperson has little reason, or more important, motive to create an embarrassing scene. After all, the bottom line is the sale and they are making a living.

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I look forward to joining Tiffany. My work takes me around the country and I'd like to start joining the network of people that you have been instrumental in collecting. From my safe little closet I've read & heard about Tiffany for years and as y6you've grown I've lost a lot of that lonely 'I must be crazy' feeling and am ready to meet my peers (or peeresses).

Susan (MA-0332)

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Dear Editor

I was very very pleased to read and find how many people share our 'hobby', or is it really a way of life in cross-dressing?

I would like to possibly hear from others and their earlier experiences in transvestism. I can say for my part that it began when I was quite young, perhaps about when I was 11 or 12 years old. I had a younger sister, and when she was old enough to have pink panties I often saw them and just had to wear them. I suppose this may sound familiar to you, but I have never discussed transvestism with any other transvestite. Later during WW II, in which I was a member of an airborne division, I often thought what anyone would think of a paratrooper in pink panties. It sounds ironic, but it's true.

Charlotte

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NEW GROUP IN N. NJ

Dear Editor

I would like you to know that a group has been formed in North Jersey that is open to all cross-dressers and friends. We do have a screening set up, but only to keep out nuts. Our meetings are now being held in a member's home, and will be for the first 2 or 3 months. After that we will get a hotel meeting room in that area. There were nine gals and two friends at the first meeting. Five of the gals belong to Tri-Ess who are looking for outings in addition to Chi Delta Mu's outing on the 2nd Saturday of each month. There is as yet no name for the group, but anyone interested may contact me: L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 201-663-0772.

Lynda (NJ-0321)

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Dear Editor

I wish to endorse the letter beginning on p.15 from Danielle (CA-0553). I investigated the North American Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Service (Seattle) last year and turned up Philip Salem. My very dependable contact in Seattle sent me a negative report, endorsing information already supplied by Sharon Hart. I wrote a similar warning as Danielle's for the Gender Review.

Susan Huxford
Dir. FACT

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** FROM THE EDITOR
R.E. Philip Salem, and
the N.A.T.T.C.S.

Dear Readers

We have received many letters, phone calls, and personal comments concerning the North American TV-TS Contact Service, mostly negative. I'm about to come to Philip's defense. Philip's heritage is the New York City streets, Michael Salem, and Empathy Press. Philip reflects his heritage with tough and aggressive talk and deeds. However, unlike most of those who share his heritage, Philip seems to care about others. People within the TV-TS Community who care about others and are willing to put out some effort on behalf of others are rare and valuable people deserving our help and support, not our criticism.

In other words, if there are concerns and problems with the services provided by Philip, we take those concerns to Philip, not to the media. By taking our concerns to Philip we help him do a better job. By taking them to the media we just destroy.

Also, Philip caters to a segment of our Community that the rest of us tend to fear or ignore, namely gay cross-dressers, female impersonators, and their 'admirers'. True, most of us do not want to be identified with that segment of the TV-TS Community, but that is absolutely no excuse for not caring about those who do. If Philip can provide a legitimate and effective service to that segment then I say, 'God bless him,' and I'll help him all I can.

Words of caution are well given and well heeded, for the world is full of sex merchants and exploiters. I do not believe Philip Salem is one of them.

Sincerely,
Merissa S. Lynn
Editor, Tapestry

P.S. Under no circumstances am I saying give the N.A.T.T.C.S. your name, address, or phone number. Unless you are extremely secure, you should not give them out to anyone. There are just too many shady characters out there that can create real problems for you and your family.

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"A Place To Begin"

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(** The article referred to in this letter is re-printed elsewhere in this issue of the Tapestry. - ED)

To Whom It May Concern,

In regards to an article run in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

I have always thought that there were other men out there that enjoyed cross-dressing but never knew how to get in touch with them. My only excursion out in public was a total disaster to say the least. I am 6'3" and weigh 250, so you can see that in 3" pumps I would be a little out of place. I have no desire to have a sex change or do anything weird as I am very happily married and have two wonderful children. I do it because I like the feeling of women's clothing on. Before we were married I told my wife about my hobby and she said that if I did it after we were married she had better not find out about it. She had never heard of men doing such a thing and was very taken back by it. We are from a small town and for anyone to find out it would spread like wildfire and hurt the family, especially the kids, very much.

I travel away from home 4 or 5 nights a week and am able to do it in the motel at night once or twice a week. I have cross-dressed for 30 years or so and don't even remember how I got started. All I know is I enjoy it very much and that I can't enjoy it with anyone else... that is, until the article came out. I am in the Minneapolis MN area at least once or more a week and would very much like to be able to contact someone and dress up and visit with them without being put down or being made a fool of.

Debbie (MN-702)

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R.E. 'NORTH AMERICAN TV-TS CONTACT SERVICE'

Dear Editor,

We were sad to see in the Tapestry the letter written by Danielle (CA-0553) cautioning people against the North American TV-TS Contact Service. Danielle mentioned that the directory was being circulated for $20. That was almost 4 years ago, so we feel we are talking about a dated situation. It's true that there once was a directory that had people's names in it which were culled from various sources. Our organization began as a response to the demise of Empathy Press and Female Impersonator News, and many names were culled from those sources. I have heard from members of the Tiffany Club that years ago Tapestry was a whole different magazine than it is today. Tapestry has made remarkable progress according to our sources, and so have we. Now, no one goes into our directory unless they authorize it. We have learned from our transgressions.

Membership has been and always will be free to all transvestites and transsexuals who are interested in meeting serious admirers and to couples and female admirers who want to meet transvestites and transsexuals. Any transsexual who tries to obviate the

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rules implicit in being a member in good standing is dropped from the organization. Also, we realize that most male admirers are not true admirers, but curiosity seekers, so we are especially careful about male admirers. We just want to assure people that we are very careful, and whatever difficulties we encounter with people are rare.

We have been interviewed by numerous reporters from various publications including both the Associated Press and United Press International. Also, one of Seattle's top columnist from the Seattle Times had the opportunity to see exactly how the dating service operates. The Editor of Tapestry has been given a copy of that article.

Ina Rubin and Philip Salem
North American TV-TS Contact Service
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206-624-8266

(** The interview mentioned in this letter is published elsewhere in the Tapestry. - ED)

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Dear Editor

I want to congratulate you on the Tapestry #45. I do like the improving professionalism that is showing in the pages. I especially appreciate the spouse inclusion. Your own statement on page 5 was much appreciated.

Penny (ME-0386)

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Dear Editor

I just received my latest issue of Tapestry and find it terrific as always. It is heartening to see others coming forward to help now. Fantastic progress has been made in the past several years alone. Keep up the good work.

Alice (FL-0183)

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Dear Editor

Both my wife & I were extremely impressed with the quality of our first issue of Tapestry. The articles were excellent & the format is first-class. We are certainly looking forward to further issues & our involvement in your organization.

Jane (KS-0694)

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Dear Editor

Your publication is excellent. It has helped me, as well as others, to feel better about myself, discover who I am, and to overcome obstacles that I, as well as those around me, put in the way of living life the way I need to. You deserve a pat on the back for the hard work you put into it.

Cindy (CT-0381)

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(** The following letter was passed on to us because the author's message is relevant to a great many people. It is filled with fear, and soul-searching, a path many of us have traveled or are now traveling. The author has no name and no address, but his message is moving, pertinent, and very clear. - ED)

Dear - - -

I really just don't know how to start. It has taken me two years to get this letter out. I'm writing this because I... Well, to be really honest with you, on occasion I wear womens' clothes. Christ, you're the first person in the world I've told. At least 23 years I've kept it a secret. If I can get this letter out before I rip it up... Some day I would like to talk to somebody; I'm just not ready yet. I have all I can do to get this out. I know it is hard to talk to someone without the details, but it is impossible to list them.

The reason I'm writing is because I'm sick and tired of thinking about my problem 24 hours a day. I can't stand it any more. I'm like a Dr. Jekyl and Mrs. Hyde. Please don't think I'm crazy or gay because I'm not. at least I know I'm not alone after reading

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Tapestry. That's where I got your name. Christ, I can't think straight. I don't know why I'm writing this. I feel as though the whole world is going to know. If anyone would find out about this... that's something I never really think about. Please be patient with me. I'm trying not to sound weird. I know you deal with it every day, but it is very new to me.

As I'm writing you, my heart is racing about a mile a minute and my stomach is in knots.

I have read Tapestry for about 2 years and have looked up my problem in libraries. The problem is that I have a little bit of all the symptoms. Well, here goes nothing. I try to understand my problem but I get all mixed about my emotions. You know what I really don't understand, and it makes me really mad as hell is that I look like a garage mechanic. I'm tough, don't take no sh-- from nobody, I have a beard, hairy legs, I'm very masculine. But there are times, sometimes in the morning, afternoon or night (please excuse my words but sometimes this sounds sick) I just want to relax in a hot perfumed bubble bath, do my nails, spend an hour doing different hair styles, trying different make-up and jewelry, then spend hours trying different clothes. I know this sounds strange but I'm not a pervert. This is why I'm writing. Please take me seriously. If it was one type of clothes or shoes or lingerie that turned me on I would say I was crazy. Now, I said I was going to be honest. Yes, there are some clothes that turn me on to no end. I feel sexy, pretty, feminine. But I know a lot of girls that get dolled up and feel the same way, well, maybe. But sometimes I just feel, this is sick that I want to be pretty and feminine. Please bear with me. Some of the weight is coming off my shoulders.

I love flowers, I like cleaning fish, I love window shopping, looking at all the dresses and shoes, I like working on cars and hunting. What I'm trying to get across is that I don't know what I like. I try to figure myself out. In all the years I've been doing this I've never called myself by a girl's name. Yes, I thought about what I'd like to be called. Sometimes I think that this is a big fantasy, telling somebody I'm a TV. Yes, it excites the hell out of me (not sexually) that I'm telling a stranger what I've been doing. But, sh--, you can't believe the relief I feel, even though I'm not sure that tomorrow I won't have a guilty and paranoid feeling. My worst nightmare is that I'm standing in work and nobody's there. I'm waiting for everyone to come back. I turn my back for a moment. Then, about 5 or 6 of my friends start smiling, then laughing, then throwing bras and panties at me. Then I flip out. I beat the hell out of them and have to move away. On the other side of the coin, maybe I should leave well enough alone. But one of my dreams is (this is the hardest) to be sitting on the side of a hill around the end of may or first part of June in a field of wildflowers. On the ground is a white lace table cloth and a bottle of white wine. It's one of those spring days when there are white puffy clouds, a breeze which is just perfect. I'm dressed just as feminine as possible, and here is what is strange. I'm there with a girl who understands. I just can't figure it out. I never think of another guy - it makes me sick just to think about it.

You know, I read somewhere that it's just a bad habit I have, one of the most complex kind. I can quit almost anything; smoking, drinking, drugs, etc., even dressing for a while. But all it takes is a certain dress in a window, an ad from the Globe, a chic pair of shoes, and I make up for lost

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time. I go out on a shopping spree, spend hundreds and hundreds of dollars on clothes, shoes, make-up, etc. I get it out of my system in two days, or, at least, I think so. Then I throw them away out of guilt or fear of getting caught.

Please listen, this letter is the most personal thing in the world to me and my mind is spinning and I really don't think I should be writing this but I just don't think I can handle another thirty years. Either I want to get rid of this or I want to handle it. But I need some help and it's about time I try to do something about it.

Maybe I might even call because the letter was hard. But I did it. In closing, I hope I gave you some general outline. There is 22 years of death to go yet. You know, some days I would love to scream to the world, "Today, world, I'm going to be the prettiest girl alive, so move over." Please respond as soon as possible while I still have the nerve.

Thanks for listening.

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TERRI'S THOUGHTS
by
Terri Scott

TAPESTRY REFLECTIONS

TAPESTRY is a very unusual magazine for me. I can't wait for it to arrive and when it finally does I go through it from cover to cover to see what exciting ideas, thoughts and experiences are contained within. Then I settle back and begin to selectively read different articles. When I'm about halfway through, anxiety strikes; should I finish reading it or wait awhile knowing that once I have finished an issue I'll have to wait three long months for the next issue? Each issue is better than the previous issue as Merissa and her staff continue to improve the magazine. I know, I know, typos are all too plenitful, but forgive the ladies, they're doing a super job keeping you and me in touch with the world of cross-dressing. Besides, if everyone else types by the hunt and peck manner as I do, you're lucky that you're able to read an issue. TAPESTRY isn't TIME magazine with a huge staff of high paid editors, rather it is a result of a labor of love.

However, my purpose here is not to discuss typos but rather the significant thoughts and commentary contained in just one issue of TAPESTRY, specifically number forty-five. How fortunate we are that we have worldwide contacts that enable us to read the comments of Lynette Jones from Australia. Her insight about a cross-dresser's life, separating fact from fantasy was so interesting and fascinating. her thought, maybe battle cry would be a better word, that, "The only thing which will gain public acceptance for yourself is you!" is applicable worldwide. For those who

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can, get out and do your thing as a lady and you will be surprised how well you'll be accepted. Now, if you are reading these words of encouragement and are planning to go out dressed like a hooker, STOP! Note, I said as a lady. Unfortunately, many crossdressers dress not in a way that is most becoming to them but rather in a way that they find sexually attractive to their male mind. It won't work in public, you'll be read in a minute (and I doubt that you'll be read in a minute) and I doubt that you'll find the acceptance that you desire. Leave the sexually erotic attire for inside the privacy of your own home.

Millions of American women would love to dress like Joan Collins or Linda Evans, but don't. They know that they weren't given the same equipment as those two ladies and therefore they dress in a style that is most becoming to them rather than Ms. Collins or Evans. Now, these American women at least have the same standard equipment as Ms. Collins and Evans but the crossdresser doesn't, therefore, the crossdresser should be even more conscious of her limitations to wear certain clothes. I bite my tongue when I see a crossdresser in a mini-skirt. Most women cannot wear a mini-skirt and the crossdresser who can look attractive in one is indeed a rarity.

Malinda Anderson offered a wonderful idea with her new club, T-TVIC, or the Tired TV Club, for those rare individuals who are truly tired of all the fuss and hassle of being a crossdresser. I'd like to suggest to Malinda that she consider a further offshoot of her club, a division for nudist transvestites. Now if ever there was a contradiction in words, that is it. For those who are truly worn out from the whole scene, a nudist/TV Club could be the answer. Conversely, every club has those gals who do not want to do anything but sit quietly in a corner and be beautiful. These ladies refuse to participate in anything with other members except breathing. They drive hostesses crazy but now a solution; a mirror party. Each lady is given her own full length mirror upon entering a function. She can place this opposite her and sit and enjoy herself for the entire evening. However, I'd suggest a deposit on the mirror or else they may take it home with them.

Paula Louise Riordan, you're my kind of lady as evident by your "Musings About Men, And Women, And Clothes And Me." Paula's experience with a counselor's negative response to the query whether he ever had the desire to wear a pretty dress shows why we have problems with 'normal' people understanding us and visa-versa. The 'normal' male has known from infancy that he's male and this is as ingrained in his mind as the physical aspects of his body; he has two arms, two legs, ten fingers, etc. and he is male. He has no gender identity problem and therefore is puzzled by the likes of us who from the same point in infancy have questioned your gender. Paula states the situation that so many of us can relate to, "When I was very little I not only wanted to dress as girls dress, but I wanted to do what girls did and act the way girls acted."

I would add that we still feel the same way but now we do those things that were forbidden to us in childhood. We live our lives the way we feel most comfortable and happiest and for us, that is to express the feminine desires within. We are not 'normal' males with a strong masculine gender identity and never will be, in fact, I would venture to say that most of us if offered a cure for our feminine desires would reject that cure. Why? Simply because we are what we are and we are no more discontent with being what we are than the 'normal' male is being what he is. The fact that we would not accept a "cure" is what makes it so difficult for a 'normal' person with a strong gender identity to understand us. I feel that this is also the situation we face when dealing with the females in our lives and why they cannot understand our arguments for our feminine lifestyles nor conversely their arguments against it. They do not understand our situation because they simply cannot relate to the situation. Their gender identity has been with them all of their lives as it has with most people, therefore, it is very difficult to relate to, or understand, a person who has a gender identity with the opposite sex from their body.

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Nancy Hunt in her book, 'Mirror Image', related that after she returned home from having the sex change operation, her wife said that she just could not believe that a normal male would want to go through all this suffering and pain to be a woman. Nancy Hunt's wife still had not accepted that Nancy was not a normal male even after the operation! If there ever was an example of how difficult it is for a 'normal' person with a normal gender identity to understand one without a normal gender identity, that was it. The lesson for us all in dealing with people and trying to get them to understand our needs and desires is to remember that they have a strong gender identity and therefore it is very difficult for them to understand us.

The newly formed Butterfly Club in Endicott, New York has quickly found twenty-eight novice crossdressers according to Cheryl Ann. Twenty-eight novices! What's going on in Endicott, New York? It really makes you wonder how many potential crossdressers are out there throughout the country if twenty-eight novices can be found in Endicott, which is certainly not a major population center. I've heard many ladies in the crossdressing community express the feeling that there are countless thousands out there in their closets wanting to come out but afraid to do so. I've always felt that these ladies were extreme optimists or had been smoking some illegal substance. However, after reading about the emergence of twenty-eight novices in Endicott, I begin to wonder if they are right. As for Cheryl Ann's plight on how to help all of these novices become ladies, she needs help from a task force of experienced ladies. Perhaps she could hold a weekend seminar for her novices with help from experienced ladies from nearby groups. her weekend seminar would have an attendance that would make any Tupperware saleslady green with envy.

Unfortunately, I've never been able to attend a Provincetown function,

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although it is right at the top of my list of things that I am going to do when it becomes possible. Jack White's article edited from the Sunday "Cape Cod Times", has placed a Provincetown outing even higher on my list and I promise not to wear an outfit from the Fifties! I'll even go and see Jack to show him that we all do not dress in Fifties style. I wonder what he will think of a nineteen Eighties punk rocker?

The difficulties that wives have facing our unique situation was presented very well in issue forty-five and the thing that struck me most was how similar the wives' fears were to the fears experienced by crossdressers regarding family, friends and society in general. Every person is different and the reaction of any loved one can never be predicted as any of us who have experienced the situation can vouch. All the advice, counsel, etc. can go out the window in any given situation. We've all heard stories of these encounters, good and bad, but the most unusual that I have ever heard occurred to Elizabeth. Married for thirty-one years, Elizabeth had never told her wife for fear of their world collapsing. Elizabeth did her thing away from home, alone in motels, making excuses to get away to express her deep, intense femininity. In all ways, Elizabeth's story and situation was the classical crossdresser's dilemma. this past New Year's Day, Elizabeth slipped up and was discovered by her wife, her biggest fear was realized, disaster had finally struck. Elizabeth had no choice but to reveal the whole story, thirty-one years of frustration, anxiety and inner turmoil. her wife never batted an eyelash! She didn't think that it was such a big deal and told Elizabeth that she should enjoy herself. The marriage relationship hasn't changed one bit. Elizabeth's wife also advised her that maybe now she would realize why she never could wear the fad clothes that John always brought her because they quickly go out of style. Elizabeth's experience is unusual to say the least, however, it is an example of how we can never know what the reaction of a loved one will be to the disclosure of our feminine desires. Elizabeth's regret, of course, is that she did not tell her wife thirty-one years ago of her desires but the reality of the situation is that her wife's reaction might have been entirely different then or even twenty years ago. One never knows.

TAPESTRY is a unique publication for very unique people bringing us together to share the joys and the frustrations of our feminine desires. Every issue provides me a little more insight into my own feelings and emotions and I hope that it does the same for you. Now, let's enjoy this issue together.

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POETRY (Of sorts)

There was once a young man from Mass.
Who really wanted to pass.
So he read all kinds of books
To improve her comportment and looks.
He studied hard to make it work,
But he couldn't get is girl to perk.

He tried and tried but failed each time,
Almost even stopped the mime.
Tired of looking oh so bad,
Naturally made his girl feel sad.
Then he heard of the Tiffany Club,
And knew she'd no longer be a flub.

He came to meet on Tuesday night
And found the girls out of sight!
All the feelings he did purge
And then she started to really emerge.
Oh how lovely to be a girl
With new found courage her head did swirl.

Now her spirits are very high
She's a woman getting by.
So to all those girls in doubt,
Don't sit at home to mope and pout.
Come to the Tiffany Club for fun
You'll also see that you are someone.

- ANON

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THE WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

by

Julia Louise Matheson

What seems to be a new phenomenon in our TV world is a much increased concern for the feeling of the 'real' women who for one reason or another have become involved in our movement.

In issue number 45 of Tapestry there were no less than three articles on the subject, one by Dr. Roger Peo and the other two by TV wives, and an editorial. An article of my own on the same subject printed in the Beaumont Bulletin, happened to coincide with some correspondence with wives, some very critical indeed of our attitude to them.

This concern is long overdue. For a considerable time now, it has struck me with great force that of all the men who might be expected to relate to the problems which women face, many transvestites act like thoroughgoing male chauvinists. To classify wives as 'A' or 'B', depending on their degree of acceptance of our inclinations seems to me to be the height of insensitivity.

Saying this does not mean that I am not conscious of the unhappiness caused to so many of us by ignorance of others of the true nature of transvestism. The various support organizations exist to reduce this unhappiness by repeatedly demonstrating that transvestism is something to be accepted and enjoyed to the fullest extent possible, even if it is confined to a very small section of the population. One can no more repudiate it successfully than one can deliberately lose a liking for a type of music or for chocolate chip cookies. One may change or modify one's tastes over the years unconsciously, but that's not the same thing.

However, acceptance by wives and girl friends of a partner who is a transvestite requires a degree of tolerance, kindness and love which I wonder if enough of us appreciate.

Consider the position from the woman's point of view. A real, biological woman, conscious of her feminine nature and appearance, is confronted by a partner who wishes to emulate that very basic fact of her existence which is special to her as opposed to him. He wants to dress and act in the soft delicate way that is one of the major elements which keeps her separate, different, and in some senses, superior to him. This is not a compliment, but constitutes a very definite threat. Is he trying to be a more feminine woman than she is? Is he searching for some imaginary woman who is superior to her? For years, rightly or wrongly, women have been conditioned to look to us for strength and ruggedness by comparison with them. It is hardly surprising that women usually react with shock and distaste when confronted by this role-reversal on our part.

Their confusion is compounded by the apparent element of fetishism evidenced by our strong interest in their clothing, frequently in styles extremely feminine, often more so than the average 'real' woman would wear. I doubt that many of us make a habit of wearing plain 'classic' lingerie with no trim. Can we therefore blame the woman who reacts with, "It's the clothes you love, not me!" It is worse still that few of us look pleasing to the eye when first we dress.

Women are not all totally confident of themselves as women, and Virginia Prince is quite wrong when she says in her article,* that "What kind of a woman she wishes to be is up to her, . . ." The societal pressures on women are visible to anyone who can read advertisements, and observe the position of women in the work force, to say nothing of the pressures from conventional men in our male dominated culture. There is a great deal more to being a woman than having an unobstructed vagina, at least that is what my intelligent and articulate women friends tell me, and they ought to know!

Furthermore, even if a woman is sufficiently secure in herself, tolerant and loving enough to surmount all these difficulties, there must remain, for any woman sensible of the views of society at large, a healthy fear of the ridicule which she and her transvestite partner would have to endure should their security be breached. Within the movement, so to speak, I have met women of character, looks and intelligence,

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who could have had their pick of men, yet accepted a transvestite, but even for them, it is not only the ridicule heaped on us that they would have to endure, but also the scorn directed at them. "She can't be much of a woman if she has to put up with a man like THAT!" Despite the continuing work of the transvestite movement, the day is still distant when transvestism will be wholly acceptable by the majority of society.

For the great majority of women with transvestite partners the advantages of the situation must surely be outweighed by the disadvantages. Any woman in that position must surely at times have wished for a nice straight forward man whose hobbies included only the likes of weight-lifting or shark-fishing, and whose sexual tastes were nothing more bizarre than a liking for black stockings and a garter belt, - - - - - - - on HER!

Essentially, this article is nothing more than a plea for greater consideration on the part of those of us who have partners, especially partners who try to understand us. If one is to judge by the tenor of the letters and articles in transvestite publications, once we have overcome our own fears and uncertainties, - - - - and I am not belittling the agonies that we as transvestites have to face, - - - - we may be so overjoyed at finally coming to terms with ourselves that we do not always appreciate that no such corresponding joy will be available to our partners.

* 'Tapestry' No. 45, "Masculine Life Styles and Compensatory Patterns"

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LONG LIVE THE DIFFERENCE
(It's going to,
whether we like it or not)
by
Paula Louise Riordan

Men and women are different; anyone can see that. But when you try to explain what really is the difference, you find that it's all not quite as simple as it seems. For example, let's take the obvious: the average man is taller than the average woman, the average man is stronger in the arms and legs than the average woman, the average man has a deeper huskier voice than the average woman. But when we look around we find that a lot of women are taller than a lot of men, there are many women who are stronger, more athletic than many men, and some women, certainly, have deeper huskier voices than some men. And so we are right back to square one.

You've got to be kidding, you say? Well of course. We all know that women and men have different physiological structures. The same kinds of bones, muscles, joints, pigments and hairs are arranged differently in and on the male and female bodies, and, certainly, there is an entirely different allotment of procreative organs.

But, whenever a new human person comes into view we really do not find it necessary to examine the urogenital and mammary organs in order to determine whether the new human person is a man or a woman. The only exception I know to this rule is when the new human person is only seconds old on the delivery table, and then, without this

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examination we wouldn't really know whether the new person was male or female, would we? I do not mean to trifle with you. The fact is, at this point in time we wouldn't really know.

Now, if I go on to say that therefore the only real or essential difference between men and women is in our differing physical genetalia, I hope you will vehemently disagree with me. But I'm afraid some of you might not. I have heard some of the fiercest women's liberationists make the claim that, save for sex organs, all other 'differences' between men and women are only apparent, and are the result of a somewhat arbitrary social and cultural development that has gone on unopposed over many, many centuries.

But I think not. I am a transvestite so I think I am qualified to have an opinion. The simple transvestite (I am groping for a better term but I want to exclude the authentic transsexual, homosexual, and hermaphrodite), - the simple transvestite knows that he is a man, knows that he is attracted to women (boy, does he know it!), and when he dresses 'en femme' he knows that he's not just trying to shatter ancient and sacrosanct social and cultural mores. He is not a radical male liberationist who thinks that any man ought to have the right, if he wants to, to emulate all those quaint behaviors that societies and cultures have arbitrarily labeled 'feminine'.

There is, I believe, something entirely different going on. There are, it seems to me, some very subtle and real differences between men and women at the emotional and psychic level that will out regardless of the social and cultural climate. They are differences that pervade the fundamental human condition regardless of when or where. I will allow that these differences very often do find expression in arbitrary social and cultural structures. A warning her, though; these structures can be so deeply ingrained that they are no longer simply up for grabs. Never-theless, the real differences between men and women are bound to find expression, if not in one way, then in another.

I do not know if I can tell you what all these differences really are, but they will certainly have to do with differences in the ways men and women feel about themselves, about each other, about mothering and fathering children, about relating to persons of the same sex, about perceptions of home and family and society, about feeling of well-being and danger, and, I'm sure, much, much more. These differences perhaps flow from differing chemistries in the body differing cells in the brain and nervous systems, - on this aspect of the matter I have no scientific knowledge. But I do know that when I dress in women's clothes I am not simply saying, "Why can't a man wear a skirt or lipstick if he wants to?"

Transvestites are men who want to, and maybe need to, experience what it is like to be a woman, at least a little bit, and will express that desire, that need, in whatever ways are currently accepted as 'feminine' at least to some extent.

To say that a TV wants to and perhaps needs to express himself as herself speaks to the very heart of the mystery. Transvestites are not psychotic. They know what they are doing and want to do it, and yet it is not an entirely free choice.

Most active TVs will admit that at some earlier time in life they tried very hard to deny and suppress this yen to sometimes be feminine. At TV gatherings I have heard countless tales of teenage fear and shame and guilt, of consigning expensive wardrobes to the trash heap on one day, followed the next day with feverish attempts to fish the things back out; and at last, for those who finally find peace, there is self-acceptance: I am a man but there is a mysterious part of my inner me that is feminine and this part of me must find expression some how, some way, some time or there will be no peace.

Is all this really all that bad? Straight folk generally rate us as second to none (with the possible exception of alcoholics) in our facility to 'rationalize'. Rationalizing has a pejorative connotation. Yet it is, in fact, hardly different from a sincere effort to understand, and try to make sense out of, and to cope with, a very powerful and intimate but

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generally unacceptable part of our unique personhood, and that effort, I think, must be made.

We may never know why we are this way, but that we are this way is undisputable, and since no one has yet found a 'cure' our best course is to give it a little space.

Men and women are different. Yet in some mysterious way some of these differences have found their way together into the mind and heart of a man who is a TV. We don't expect people to understand it. We do not understand it ourselves. We do not even expect people to like it, but we keep hoping that those who are close to us in our lives can find it in them to still like us.

We all know that it is neither better nor worse to be a man or a woman, only different. And perhaps what we need to know is that it's neither good nor bad to be a TV. It's only a different difference.

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POETRY

"COMING DOWN"
by Janice van Cleve

I'm so tired;
  My body screams for sleep
Today was a disaster
  It's been a hectic week.
But tonight again was magic
  A triumph for my will
My senses are all tingling
  With feelings I cannot still.

My friends went home at midnight
  Now it's nearly three
I should be sound asleep in bed
  But something's driving me.
Another person arose tonight
  She's really always there
Parting with her now is
  A frightful pain to bear.

It took so long with makeup,
  With eyelashes and dress
To awaken my inner being
  And feel her soft caress.
She came into her own;
  She existed in time and space
She stepped upon the stage of life
  And took her rightful place.

Why must I bid goodbye
  To this other half of me?
Why can't she finally become
  All she was meant to be?
She's a real, living person
  Essential to myself
Why must I pack her away
  Like a hat upon a shelf?

Career, family and friends;
  They clamor for my time
They wouldn't understand
  This desparate need of mine
Reluctantly I change and wash;
  Again I shift my gears . . .

And all I'm left with at the dawn
 Is my longing and my tears.

- END -

QUESTIONNAIRE

(A quiz to test your knowledge of transvestism, copiled by Anne de Rogeny, Quizmistress)

1) Name the most famouse female impersonator of all time:
   a) T.C. Jones
   b) Milton Berle
   c) Johnny Carson
   d) Eva Peron
   e) Charles Pierce
   f) Pat Nixon

2) The editor of 'The Tapestry' is:
   a) Marisa Berenson
   b) Melissa Manchester
   c) Mary Tyler Moore
   d) Merissa Sherrill Lynn
   e) Loretta Lynn

3) What famous person spied for the French Government while diguised as a woman?:
   a) L'Abbe Choisy
   b) Jacques E. Onassis
   c) Le Chevalier d'Eon
   d) Paul E. Voose
   e) Francois Mitterand

4) A "Mae West" is a:
   a) 42D long line bra
   b) .357 Magnum
   c) life preserver
   d) "Shirley Temple" on the rocks with a twist

5) "Androgyny"....
   a) is an endocrinopathic phenomenon
   b) a zodiacal sign
   c) a drinking song popular in Provincetown bars
   d) having the characteristics of both sexes
   e) having the characteristics ofthe earliest anthropoids

6) Bloomers were named for:
   a) a TV groupe in Bloomington IN
   b) Leon Blum, the French socialist premier
   c) Amelia Jenks Bloomer, the American reformer
   d) Aunt Bertha

7) A farthingale is....
   a) a light wind
   b) an obsolete British coin
   c) a Scottish bonnet
   d) a petticoat or hoop skirt
   e) something you wouldn't wear anyway

8) A good example of a "closet queen" is:
   a) Lous XIV, King of France
   b) the president of the Tiffany Club
   c) the compiler of this quiz
   d) the person you see in the mirror every morning
   e) Henry Kissinger
   f) all of the above

9) Transvestites....
   a) Wall Street jargon for poor investments in transportation stocks
   b) are ill-clothed refugees from Transylvania
   c) are a British rock group
   d) were banished by the Israelites in 756 B.C., and susequently moved to California
   e) are inveterate party-goers

10) Lipstick almost became fashionable for men thanks to the efforts of:
   a) Rudolf Valentino
   b) Gary Cooper
   c) Boy George
   d) Estee Lauder

The answers to this quiz may appear in a future issue... so keep buying the Tapestry.

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TRIBUTE

KENNETH W. WHITEHEAD: TIFFANY JONES

by Len Stewart

Kenneth Wayne Whitehead, a night-club performer well known in Provincetown as Tiffany Jones died in Houston, Texas last Thursday of cardiac arrest. He was 40.

A female impersonator, Whitehead first came to Provincetown in 1978 for what was supposed to be a short run for Lynne Carter at the Pilgrim House for the rest of that summer, doing five shows a week.

After Carter sold the Pilgrim House, Whitehead returned for summer-long engagements the following summers.

For the next three summers, Whitehead was the headliner at the Crown and Anchor, playing to packed houses all season. He returned to the Pilgrim House last year for a successful season-long run, where he alternated shows with Frank Massey.

In 1982, Whitehead won Provincetown's Golden Gull Award for Best Male Performer of the season.

For his performances, Whitehead created the character of "Tiffany Jones, the Texas Tornado." he took the name from a cartoon character he had seen on milk cartons as a child.

In an Advocate interview in 1983, Whitehead said he got onto the stage almost by accident. After what he described as a perfectly normal adolescence, playing high school football and running track, two years at the University of Texas and two more in business school, he moved to San Francisco.

"I worked for a brokerage firm by day and was a go-go boy by night," he said. "Then one day in the early 1970's, a local club held an amateur night. All the other go-go boys dressed me up and I went out on stage. Maybe it was the applause that excited me, but I started doing it more and more. After a while, it occurred to me that I was making more money on weekends doing a female impersonation than I was at the brokerage firm. I decided to do it full time."

Ken Whitehead as Tiffany Jones

While many female impersonators imitate specific stars, Whitehead did not.

"When I'm in costume, I'm Tiffany Jones. I don't do characters. If I do a Liza Minelli, it's really Tiffany Jones doing Liza Minelli. What I really am is a comedian," he said. "Although I'm very serious about performing, I do very little in the act that is serious. The way we approach it with the audience is to say, 'Hey, you've already paid to get in. Let's have a good time."

No one who ever saw Whitehead's show would deny having had a good time, especially with his portrayal of Tammy Wynette's "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad," complete with ponderous water-balloon breasts bounced in all directions.

Another show-stopper, which almost became his trademark, was his nun on roller skates while playing Tom Lehrer's 'Vatican Rag'.

"Please don't be offended," he always warned the audience before what

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he called "the religious experience" part of the show. "The way I see it, if Sally Fields could make a fortune as the Flying Nun, I see no reason why I can't make a few pennies on roller skates."

There was a serious moment at the end of every show, when Whitehead almost seemed to want to gently educate the audience on the dangers of making assumptions on surface appearances.

To the music of Charles Aznevore's haunting "What Makes a Man a Man," Whitehead would carefully remove whatever gown, wig and make-up he happened to be wearing and redress on stage as a regular-looking, handsome man in blue-jeans, cowboy hat and cowboy boots.

"Female impersonation is an art form," he told The Advocate. It's an illusion on stage, and I work very hard to create that illusion. But, after the show, I'm a man. I make it a point never to wear my costumes out of the club on the street. This is just the way I make a living."

Whitehead's professionalism about his craft was noted by a number of friends and fellow performers in Provincetown.

Bobby Ray, a popular local performer, said, "Ken was 100 percent a professional, and he was simultaneously devoted to the audience and to what he was doing. He was very conscientious, and it was his attitude that, if you're going to give it to them, give it to them. Don't ever go half way."

Jerry Batal, Whitehead's closest friend and an officer in a company that owns clubs across the country agreed with Ray's assessment.

"At the end of every show, Ken used to give a little monologue about how life isn't too easy for any of us. He used to say that, if for an hour, he had made the people in the audience a little happier, it made him happy. And, he really meant it."

Off-stage, Whitehead was a quiet, almost shy individual. The word used by nearly everyone contacted to characterize him was "giving."

"He was constantly doing benefits for various causes for us all around the country," said Batal, "whether for political causes or to raise money for someone's medical bills."

Whitehead was the same during the summer in Provincetown, according to Paul Christo, president of the Provincetown Business Guild.

"In addition to being a great entertainer, Ken did a lot for the PBG personally, organizing and emceeing all sorts of benefits," he said. "We mourn his loss. He was a very giving person."

Although the death certificate lists the cause of death as cardiac arrest, Batal said the real cause of death was the irreversible AIDS-related diseases of pneumoncocystis carinii, Kaposi's Sarcoma and a brain tumor.

additionally, for the last several months of his life, Whitehead had become partially paralyzed to the point where he had to have help moving from one place to another. He had been receiving chemotherapy for the inoperable tumor.

"He began to have problems at the end of last season," Batal said. "Then, he was hospitalized for pneumonia in the fall. After the doctor had run some tests, we found out he had AIDS. Finally, in the end, all of his vital organs gave out."

In a published interview in February in a Texas weekly, scarcely two months before his death, Whitehead spoke about his fight to overcome his sickness.

"I'm not giving up," he said. "An ambulance comes by every day to take me to therapy and I'm able to take a few steps by myself, although my left hand still doesn't work. But, I'm a real emotional person. I'm not as strong as I would like to be. When someone calls

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me on the phone and starts crying, I start crying too."

Pointing to Whitehead's sunny personality, Carol O'Shaughnessy, a popular Provincetown personality, warns, "The most important thing is not to get too morbid about this. We're all going to miss him terribly, but I have a feeling Ken is up there in heaven hoping his death hasn't hurt us too much."

Batal said Whitehead died peacefully, "In the company of his friends."

He is survived by his mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caster.

"I know my life is not a crime.
I'm just a victim of my time.
I stand defenseless.
Nobody has the right to be
the judge of what is right for me.
Tell me if you can,
what makes a man a man?"

(From the closing lines of each Tiffany Jones show, by Charles Aznevore)

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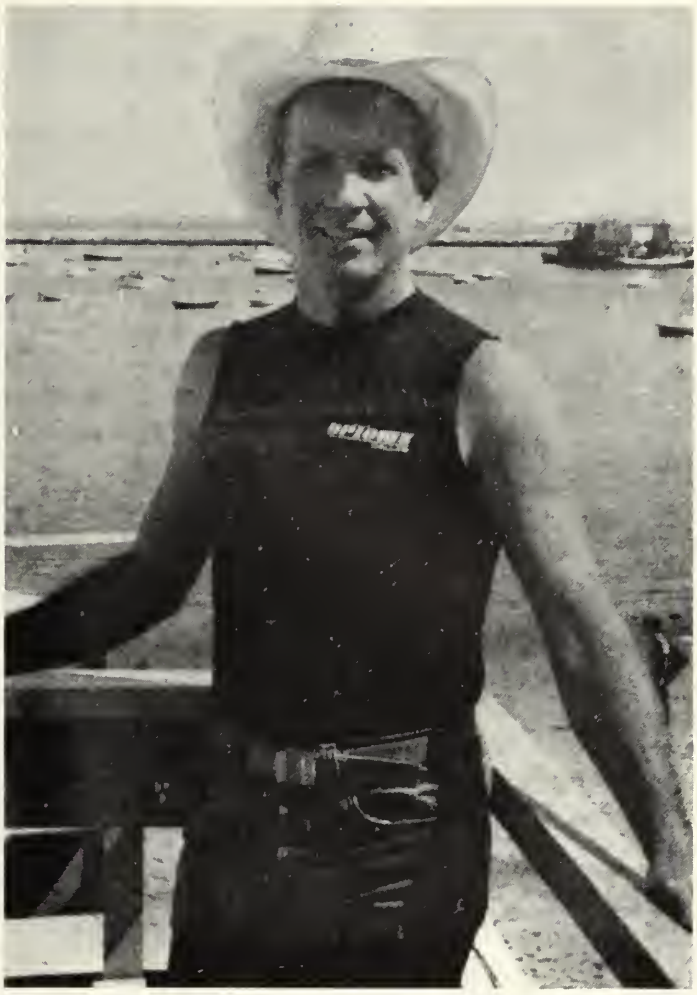

Ken Whitehead as Ken Whitehead

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ITEM: Mr. Lynne Carter, one of Provincetown's best-loved and most successful female impressionists, died of AIDS- related pneumonia at the Sloan-Kittering Memorial Hospital in New York. He was 60 years old.

TRIBUTE:

LYNNE CARTER WAS NOT A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR

by Richard Hornak

Lynne Carter was not a female impersonator. He was an impressionist of unusual sensitivity and depth.

An impersonator mimics, often offensively, soliciting laughter from cruelty. Lynne gave his characterizations a humanity with humor that was never offensive.

His satire, like that of all the truly great clowns, was drawn from observation, not malice.

In the summer of 1977, it was already the twilight of Lynne's active career. If he was aware of this at the time, he gave no indication.

In an interview then, Lynne warmly summarized the highlights of his fascinating career. He was impressively frank, lacked pretense and was genuinely compassionate, which cannot really be affected.

Carter made a point of bringing his audience close together and close to him. His humor and style, while it was sometimes arch and occasionally risque, was never bitter. It inspired acceptance not alienation.

Among the artists Lynne presented that season, as well as the next, was singer Julie Wilson, who recently came out of voluntary retirement to enjoy a sensational "comeback" that has gar-

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nered unanimous raves from the press. Lynne and Julie were inseparable friends for many years.

Lynne and Julie gave Provincetown, as well as Cape Cod, some of the finest, most professional entertainment it will ever know.

Lynne was born on November 6, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio. He described himself as growing up "a regular kid". After two years in the Navy in World War II, he won a talent contest by impersonating the then-popular Hildegarde. This led to a club date in Chicago where his impression of Pearl Bailey so delighted the star that she gave him some of her exclusive material and helped to promote his career. The legendary Josephine Baker, who caught his act in Los angeles, gave him three taxis filled with designer gowns and tutored him in phonetic French so he could do her act.

In Las Vegas his take-off on Kaye Thompson resulted in her issuing an injunction to stop the act. This front page story boosted Lynne's career. He was soon playing all the major clubs coast-to-coast.

"I play to everybody who walks through the door," Lynne said. "I go down the middle of the road, so to speak. I don't limit myself. When you do that, you're foolish."

On Jan. 20, 1971 He became the first female impressionist to play Carnegie Hall. He later went on to play the prestigious Academy of Music in Philadelphia.

He played the Pilgrim House eight years before he bought it in 1982. By the opening of the 1978 summer season, however, he knew he would not return to Provincetown the following year.

Trends in entertainment fashion were changing. He admitted needing a change and a long overdue rest. It must have been an extremely emotional time for him, but he never let his personal troubles cloud his ability to make others around him feel comfortable and happy.

Through his career Lynn's impressions have included, in addition to Bailey, Baker, and Thompson, such larger-than-life stars as Phyllis Diller, Bette Davis, Hermione Gingold, Mae West and Tallulah Bankhead.

Lynne Carter

"Grotesque, cruel parody is a tragic quality the 'drag queens' exploit in their merciless impersonations. I see this and it upsets me," Lynne said.

He found no fun in playing pain or getting laughs from it. "I never did Judy Garland" he told me, "because I knew her and found her to be a terribly unhappy, sad and complicated woman. In death, even more so."

It was with Marlene Dietrich, however, that Lynne created his most memorable characterization, beyond parody to great acting.

In 1977, Lynne suffered two massive heart attacks and was scheduled to undergo open heart surgery that

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fall. A number of show business notables, including Jerry Herman, John Kander, Fred Ebb, Cy Coleman, Hermoine Gingold and Rita Moreno staged a tribute to Lynne at the Edison Theater to raise money to cover the hospital costs. Loving friends filled the theater to capacity.

As Lynne left Provincetown in 1978, he would not look back. He spent most of the trip telling stories and doing 'bits.' He was leaving an important part of his life behind him and entering the final years of his career.

Ahead were select dates at preferred clubs in Cincinnati, Philadelphia and New York, among others. In the Summer of 1979, he headlined the Grand Central Resort in Atlantic City. On New Year's Eve he played the Talk of the Town in Yonkers, a tradition he honored for Marty Chinitz, the owner and a close friend.

His last engagement was at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City in the revue "Hurray for Hollywood." New York was buried under a foot of show. Only a few people attended. Lynne played as if it were standing room only. He was working on his autobiography, "It Wasn't All A Drag," when he died. Marty Richards, a noted producer, has promised that this project will be completed in some form.

Lynne's dream was to play Albin in the Broadway musical La Cage aux Folles." He and George Hearn were the only performers who auditioned for the part. Even after Hearn got the role, Lynne tutored him in the art he spent 40 years perfecting. Hearn won a Tony for his performance.

Lynne was hoping to do one more engagement in Philadelphia in February if he had the strength. Words of consolation at that time seemed banal, inappropriate.

"I think we are all here for certain reasons," Lynne said in The Advocate in 1977. "We all have a niche in life and I truly believe I am doing what I was meant to do, to be a clown and make people laugh and go out feeling good. I think I've served my purpose."

** Those who wish to make some gesture in Mr. Carter's memory are urged to make a donation to AIDS research.

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TRUE STORY

(The following article, 'The Twenty-Two Year Old Dream', was also published in 'Transsexual Voice', a newsletter by and about transsexuals, published by Phoebe Smith, 764 North Avenue, Hapeville, GA 30354)

THE TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD DREAM
by Ronnie Brown

On May 5, 1984, a twenty-two year old fantasy dream of mine came true.

In 1962, as a sophomore boy at Longmeadow High School, in the Massachusetts town of the same name, I had a recurring fantasy dream about someday attending a class reunion as a female. this dream was part of my seemingly far fetched desire to change sex some day.

I was escorted by a male friend to the 20th reunion of the Class of '64. I wore a size 12 black chemise, my makeup was carefully applied and every curl was in place. I would surely be welcomed as a celebrity and deluged with questions from curious former classmates. With all the publicity transsexuals have received during recent years, I expected I would be treated as one of those celebrities.

We were greeted at the door by those in charge and I met a few of my former teachers. Most everyone I talked with in the lobby had heard about me, but few recognized me. My friend and I moved into the bar where we spent the next ninety minutes standing by ourselves talking quietly. Two couples came over to chat. I could tell by the conversation that they didn't know who I was.

One man in particular, who had

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known me in recent years before I made the switch to full time cross-living came over, drink in hand and face damp with perspiration. He was incredibly nervous but had to satisfy his curiosity. Ten minutes later he moved on, feeling embarrassed over the questions he had asked of me and from the truthful answers I had given.

The DJ was playing oldies and my friend asked if I would like to dance. "Yes," I said, "I'd love to." As a guy, I was uncoordinated and refused to dance to fast songs. The feminine me walked onto the dance floor with confidence, heels and all, and proceeded to dance to a fast song from the 60's - and I actually enjoyed it.

It became apparent I was the center of attraction, but not in the way I had thought. As the knowledge of who I was spread around the room, the faces and grins turned towards me each time I stepped out on the dance floor. Daring souls with cameras came within ten feet of us and snapped picture after picture. My date turned away but each time I turned to face the camera usually stopping to pose. I was determined to give them what they wanted. It was part of the newly acquired exhibitionist in me.

The emcee announced the start of the awards presentation. In a few minutes, the empty table where we sat filled up with slightly nervous couples. I knew I was a cinch to win the 'most changed' award. The evening wouldn't be a total loss. I even had a short speech prepared. I didn't win. There were categories for male and female, but none for those in between.

My friend knew how much I had wanted to win an award and gave me a friendly kiss of assurance as we drove away. Things hadn't worked out the way I had planned, but the result was definitely on the plus side.

I had been cross-dressing sporadically since autumn of '83 and each time I did, I still felt like a guy dressing as a female, hoping not to be read. On May 5th, I came into my own. I felt like a female out for the evening with a good friend. Regardless of all the stares and treatment as an untouchable that night; regardless of the fact that it was known by 300 people that I was a transsexual, I had a fantastic time.

For the first time in my 38 years, I enjoyed dancing to rock and roll songs. I felt and looked 100% compatible with the inner feminine me. I drank a little, laughed a lot; I let myself go. This one night more than made up for all those miserable high school dances I attended. This one night of fantasia overshadowed the awkwardness I experienced at my junior and senior proms.

I owe much to my special male friend who escorted me to my reunion. Had he not been there, I would have been alone like a freak in a circus show. He treated me like a lady and I was a real person that night. It was the beginning of my new social life as a woman.

The Class of '64 is planning another reunion if five years. I'll be there.

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"SUSAN'S STORY"

by
Terri Scott

Susan looked shocked. "You've got to be kidding!"

"No, I'm not kidding. It's over! Finished! Done! That's it!" Karen paused, looked at Susan through narrowed eyes, and continued, "Do you think I'm crazy? I'm not going to marry a PERVERT! HE WEARS WOMEN'S CLOTHES! He even calls himself Melissa. He gets all dolled up and then wants me to call him Melissa too. Can you imagine? The man's weird - and I'm not going to marry him..... In fact, I never want to see the creep again. Melissa! God spare me. What did I do to deserve this?"

"But you love him," Susan pleaded.

"Make that past tense. Loved! Now all I want is a real man! Suddenly, macho men are very appealing to me. I'm going to find me one and I'm going to make certain right from the beginning that when he says he wants to get in my pants, he doesn't mean it literally."

"Karen," Susan persisted, "are you sure you want to call it off? Maybe you two can discuss it and work something out."

"What's to discuss? The man's a sissy - a goddamned transvisite - or whatever. I can't live with that. Can you imagine getting into bed at night? Me in my nightie - - - him in his? I want a marriage with only one woman, thank you, and that woman is going to be me... not him! I gave him his ring back and told him to go exchange it for a larger one - for himself! Why me Lord? Of all the men in the world I fall in love with a pervert."

Susan reconciled herself to the fact she was not going to get Karen and Jeff back together again. "Well Karen, I don't know what to tell you. I certainly have never read about transvestites in COSMO magazine. However, I do think that maybe you're overreacting."

"I don't know what I'm going to tell my mother. I can't tell her I fell in love with a pervert."

"You always appeared to be the perfect match - if there is such a thing. I always felt that you were so lucky to have found such a soft, caring, and understanding man. He's so different from the rest."

"He's different alright! He's weird!"

"Does he want to change his sex, or anything like that?"

"I don't know, I didn't ask... and I don't care." Karen paused, shook her head, "Thank God I found out before we were married. I don't know what I would have done if I had found out after..."

"Well cheer up, it's over. Now, you can start the good old dating routine again. Someday you may even find Mr. Right, who knows."

"Mr. Right? No such thing. I'm not even going to write this one up in my diary. All I'm going to say is, 'JEFF - OVER!"

"Well, perhaps things will look better in the morning. Join me at Casey's for lunch? Say, about 12:30?"

"Okay, I'll see you there... and

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thanks for listening - and please, not a word to anyone about this."

"You should know better. See you tomorrow."

"Thanks. Bye, Bye."

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Susan walked away, stunned by her emotions. Karen breaking her engagement with Jeff was a shock, and she was surprised to learn that Jeff was a transvestite, but she was even more surprised by the fact she found the idea rather intriguing. Perhaps it was easier for her to feel compassion for Jeff, after all, she wasn't as emotionally involved as Karen. Still, she thought Karen was being hard on him, calling him a pervert and all. If Karen really wanted to meet perverts she could get involved with some of the macho males that Susan had been involved with during the past several years. THEY were the perverts, not Jeff. Perhaps that is why Susan envied Karen and her relationship with Jeff. In fact, Susan was quite taken by his quiet charm and gentlemanly ways. He was always so attentive to Karen, and had always been nice to Susan. Was it really that bad that he was a transvestite? Sure, it was kinky, but what the hell, who wasn't a bit kinky these days?

Susan soon found herself wondering what Jeff looked like as a woman. He did have nice features and was not overly masculine in appearance. The tricks that every girl used might just make him an attractive gal. She wondered if Karen had any pictures of 'Melissa'. She wondered if he was nearly as feminine as those female impersonators she had seen on the Phil Donahue Show. No one would have ever guessed they were actually men. She thought of Dustin Hoffman in 'Tootsie'. He was amazing. Maybe, just maybe Jeff looked as good.

She spent the entire evening thinking and fantasizing about Jeff as a woman. She was amazed how fascinated, if not excited, she was with the idea of meeting Jeff, or rather, 'Melissa'.

Although she and Karen shared everything about their lives, and were so close, this was one thing she could never share. She was to meet Karen tomorrow for lunch, and console her on the whole situation, that's what girlfriends are for, still...

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Susan was twitchy all morning. She tried to concentrate on her work, but she constantly found her thoughts drifting to her lunch date with Karen, and how she could learn more about Jeff without exposing her real interest. Why was she so interested in Jeff as a woman? She had no answer.

Finally, it was lunchtime. Susan hurried to the ladies' room to touch up her makeup before heading off to Casey's. As she applied her lipstick she suddenly wondered what Jeff felt when he sat in front of a mirror and put on his makeup. Did he enjoy preening, and looking at himself? Susan loved being a woman and enjoyed the excitement of making herself attractive. If she enjoyed it so much, why couldn't a man? Susan couldn't imagine herself being a man, yet, here was Jeff, very much a man (if Karen's bedtime tales were to be believed) who wanted to be a woman. If he wanted to become a woman, like that tennis player, Renee somebody, then he really wasn't a man. It was so confusing - but so interesting.

The lunch date with Karen picked up where last night's conversation left off. Karen was still feeling very sorry for herself, and she was developing a real hatred for Jeff for what she thought he had done to her. Susan really wanted to talk about something else, but it was Karen's crying time, so she sat quietly, and listened.

Finally, Karen seemed to become exhausted, and Susan cautiously asked, "What did he look like as a woman?"

"Why?"

"Just curious."

Karen looked at her suspiciously, and flippantly answered, "Like a pervert in a stupid yellow dress!"

"Besides looking like a pervert, what did he look like?"

Karen could see that Susan was more than 'just curious', and she finally conceded an honest answer. "That's the scary part. He looks like

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a pretty woman! I couldn't believe it was him ... but it was. Susan, he was beautiful!"

Susan felt her heart beat faster, excited by the thought. "He was really attractive?"

"He's a goddamned knock-out! If he walked in here now, every guy in the place would be looking at him. He's better looking than I am, and that really scares me."

"Wow!" Susan exclaimed. No wonder she was upset. She not only thinks he's a pervert, she's jealous!

"If he were the real thing, I wouldn't even want him as a girlfriend." Karen paused, then continued, "Susan, I don't know what Jeff is, or what he wants, or for that matter what I really want. All I know is, I can't handle it. We are through forever!"

Susan found it impossible to drop the subject. "The whole thing is so unbelievable.... Do you think he's gay?"

"He says he isn't, and he's certainly good in bed - but I wouldn't put it past him." Karen was done crying, and the conversation was making her a little nervous. She glanced at her watch. "Look, I have to get back to work, so I'm going to have to run. Thanks again for listening, and please don't say a word to anyone about this, okay?"

"I promise.... and good luck!"

"Thanks." Karen leaned forward and whispered, "I don't know what the next guy will have in his closet, but if it's dresses, I'll scream!"

Susan and Karen both snickered, then waved. "Bye bye." "Bye bye."

As Susan strolled back to work she thought to herself, "Beautiful! God, that must be hard to take. A boyfriend more beautiful than you are." She doubted if she could take it any better than Karen, but one thing she knew, she had to find out.

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Several days later Susan spotted Jeff at the shopping mall. As inconspicuously as possible, she followed him into Jacobsen's Lingerie Department. She knew her opportunity had come.

She casually walked up to him, and with the most unpretentious voice she could muster said, "Hi Jeff."

Jeff was obviously surprised, and the surprise showed in his look and voice. "Susan! What a nice surprise!" His voice cracked, and Susan smiled.

"What brings you here?" She knew, but she couldn't resist asking.

"Ummmmm - Just buying something for a friend." He was trapped, and she knew it.

"That bra you have in your hand is beautiful. Your friend will love it. Perhaps your friend would like matching panties and a slip to go with it?"

"Perhaps." Jeff knew that Susan and Karen were best friends, and was sure Karen had cried all over her shoulder. Susan must know about him, but he wasn't certain. He decided to play the game. "Would you like to help?"

"Sure." Susan smiled, but Jeff still looked nervous, like he might break out into a cold sweat at any moment. She was tempted to tell him she knew before he suffered a heart attack, but this was her opportunity, and she wasn't going to let it pass. "Are you sure that you have the right size?"

"I think so."

They meandered through the lingerie department together, fondling items, comparing styles, when Susan casually asked, "Have I ever met your friend?"

Without giving a hint of suspicion, Jeff answered, "No, I don't think so."

"What's the lucky lady's name?"

Jeff smiled. 'Lucky lady' indeed! Oh, she knew all-right. "Melissa - Melissa Evans. Do you know her?"

Susan wanted to say yes, but she shook her head no. She had struck gold. "Gee Jeff, I'd love to meet her." She could see Jeff was tempted, but reluctant. She pursued her case. "I know you and Karen have split up, and she is my best friend... but there's no reason you and I can't still be friends. We had some fun times together, and I'd love to have some more. Please, bring Melissa. I'd love to meet her."

"Thanks - - and I'm certain that Melissa would love to meet you, - - but

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ah, she's going away tomorrow. That's why I'm here - a going away present."

"That's quite a going away present. Pretty, and sexy!"

"Yeah, but I think she'll like it."

"I know she will!" An impish shiver shot down her spine. She pressed on. "Do you have a picture of her in your wallet?"

"Ah, yeah.... but you really don't want to see it... it's terrible."

"Yes I do! I'll bet she's beautiful. Come on, satisfy my curiosity."

"Okay, okay, if it will satisfy your curiosity. here, hold these, will you?" Jeff handed the bra and pantie set to Susan and fumbled for his wallet. Susan found her heart beating excitedly. She was finally going to see Melissa. "Here."

Susan was stunned. "My God, she's a knock-out. Jeff, she's absolutely beautiful."

Jeff could not restrain an expression of pride. "Thanks, I sort of think she's kind of beautiful myself."

Susan was transfixed on the photograph. No wonder Karen was jealous. Susan was jealous. "You're a lucky guy, Jeff. My best to both of you." Not having the slightest idea what to say next, she smiled a bit sheepishly, and handed the wallet back to Jeff.

Relieved that Susan seemed out of questions, he asked, "Are you about through shopping?"

Relieved that Jeff had saved her from having to think of something else to say, she blurted, "Oh yes. I was just browsing, that's all."

"Let's go down to the coffee shop and have a coke then, - ah, if you feel like it."

"Sounds good."

Jeff paid for his purchase and they left for the coffee shop. As they made their way, Susan wondered if during their conversation Jeff might reveal the true identity of Melissa. This was foremost in her mind, but at the same time she was again impressed by the way Jeff had taken charge in his soft gentlemanly ways. He opened doors for her and lightly clasped her arm to guide her and protect her as they walked. In many ways he was the type of man she had always sought, but had never found. It was so ironic, his masculinity was making a very definite favorable impression on her at a time when her curiosity about his femininity was the catalyst of the whole meeting. She was confused by her curiosity, and by her emotions, neither of which were in the least bit explainable to her. As they chatted over their cokes, she realized that she wanted Jeff the man intimately, and yet at the same time, she wanted to know Jeff the woman! Was his strong appeal to her because of his feminine side, or his masculine side? Both?

Their conversation had centered around things that they had done together when Jeff was dating Karen, and Susan was dating everybody. The fun times and mutual experiences were recalled and the bonds of friendship were re-established. She found herself wanting a relationship with him but couldn't because of 'Melissa'. She felt there was no way out of the dilemma unless she revealed that she knew who Melissa really was, and somehow she just could not do it.

Jeff partially solved the problem. "I've really enjoyed talking with you. Would you consider going out to dinner with an old friend?"

"I'd love to," she responded with a relieved and excited smile.

"Good! How about Saturday night at eight?"

"You're on."

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Susan was thrilled that everything worked out so perfectly. As she headed home she thought of what she would wear Saturday night, then realized that she was not only considering what looked best on her, but how it would appeal to Jeff not only as a man, but as a woman. Suddenly, she understood Karen's comments about 'being in competition' with Jeff. It was scary. Here she was a real woman being intimidated by a transvestite. A shrink would have a field day with that one.

Saturday was nothing but hell for her. She spent one moment excited, the next worrying about whether or not Jeff/Melissa would approve of what she wore, and the next filled with self-doubt about the whole thing. She

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hadn't been that nervous about a date since she was in her early teens. By four o'clock she was convinced that she wouldn't survive to eight. When Jeff finally arrived he immediately complimented her on her appearance, and suddenly all the day's anxieties disappeared.

Throughout the evening Jeff's soft gentlemanly ways and reassuring manner made her feel very special, and fortunate to be with him. She felt herself wanting a relationship with him more than ever, but she also felt a growing sense of insecurity. She wanted him, but did he want her? Who would be more important to him, Susan or Melissa? How could she compete with Jeff's imagination? What was once a source of excitement and curiosity was now a source of fear, and she did not know how to talk to him about it.

Jeff invited Susan to a Paul Anka concert. She accepted and happily thought to herself that she had won one over Melissa. her second thought was that she was crazy to have had the first thought. Her third thought was more satisfying - Jeff was interested in seeing her again.

The concert led to another dinner date, then another, and before Susan realized it, and before she could stop it, she was in love. As their relationship grew, neither Jeff nor Susan talked of Melissa, but Melissa was always there, in his mannerisms, in his moods, and in his love-making. Melissa, once so curious and innocent, was now a real threat to their relationship. She wanted Melissa to go away, but deep down she knew she wouldn't, and her feelings for Jeff had become too strong for her to run away as Karen had done. It was obvious that Jeff had fallen in love with her as well, and as their relationship grew stronger he became more and more withdrawn and defensive, as though he were preparing himself for a painful fall. They both knew they could no longer ignore the obvious, and sooner or later they had to talk about Melissa.

Jeff arrived at Susan's apartment. He was in an especially bad mood, withdrawn into a protective shell that was virtually unpenetrable. Then Susan hurled the missile that would blow his shell apart forever. "Jeff, are these moods of yours caused by the fact that you're Melissa?" Jeff's shock at Susan's question was exceeded only by Susan's shock that she had asked him the question. At that instant they both thought their relationship had been destroyed.

Jeff thought Karen had told her about Melissa, and now he knew. "We'd better talk," Jeff said in a dejected voice.

The dam was broken, and slowly but surely Jeff poured out the whole story of his deep, intense feminine desires that had haunted him every day of his life. The guilt that he carried for his feminine desires staggered Susan. She couldn't imagine herself carrying such an overwhelming mental burden for a lifetime without going crazy. The intensity and magnitude of Jeff's feminine problem was simply overwhelming. She quickly realized that she could not walk away from him. She loved him, and she knew why he had refused to reveal his problem to her. He loved her.

It was his problem, but it had become their problem. Susan listened and realized that at that point, that was all she could do. Now was not the time for solutions, now was the time for unburdening and Jeff had a lot of that to do. They talked into the early hours of the next morning before they both fell asleep in each other's arms.

The next morning, both Susan and Jeff were edgy. The subject had to be approached but neither was ready to approach it. An uneasy breakfast was followed by vague nervous talk. Finally, Jeff gathered up his nerve, "I know last night was not easy for you. It wasn't easy for me either. I love you, and I don't want to hurt you."

"I know, I know. When Karen told me about Melissa I didn't think it was such a big deal. In fact, I found the idea rather intriguing. I don't know why. Just curious I guess. I wanted to meet Melissa, but now I'm afraid. I love you too, and don't want to lose you. I'm afraid that Melissa may mean more to you than I do, and I don't know if I can handle it."

"I won't lie to you. Melissa is part of me. If we are going to

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continue our relationship you must be able to accept Melissa."

"I know that. Just give me some time to sort it all out, then let me meet Melissa, okay?"

"Okay."

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The next few days passed without any specific references to Melissa, yet a new aspect to their relationship had surfaced, and Susan enjoyed it. She freely commented about things that she previously kept to herself; how other women looked, their outfits, hairstyles, etc. Jeff responded with interest and insight, and Susan gained a new respect for his comments. There were sharing more than they ever had before, and it seemed to be bringing them closer. Best of all, Jeff's moodiness was gone. He was relaxed much more open. He was no longer suppressing his big black secret, and it showed.

At Jeff's apartment a few nights later, Jeff poured them both a glass of Mateus wine, and they toasted each other. Then Susan popped the question, "Okay, when are you going to show me your closet?"

"My closet?" No one had ever asked to see his closet before.

"Yeah! I'm going to see it sooner or later. It may as well be sooner - like now."

Jeff had always wanted to show off his closet, and now that he had the chance, he couldn't wait. He opened the doors to his wall-to-wall walk-in closet. "Well, here it is, Melissa's clothes on the right, Jeff's on the left."

There was perhaps one foot of space used for Jeff, and closer to ten feet for Melissa. Susan stared in amazement at the well filled row of women's clothes. "If I didn't know better, I'd have thought that you had a harem living with you. You must have everything!"

"I guess I do. But once you start buying, there's always something else that you want."

"I know the problem." Jeff stood back to give Susan a chance to browse. She slowly examined each item, then commented, "You certainly have good taste. I wish we were the same size, I'd love to borrow this black dress. It's pretty."

"I wish we did too. I'd love to try on that purple and white dress of yours."

"Oh, I guess it is a two way street. I don't know if I'd like that."

"Well, you know what they say Darling, what's mine is yours and visa-versa."

Susan laughed, "Yeah, but when they coined that phrase I don't think they had a transvestite and his girlfriend in mind!"

They both laughed. Susan realized that since they were laughing about the whole situation, it couldn't really be as bad as she had feared. She began rationalizing. Jeff had a hobby, a little different from most men's hobbies, but at least it included her. Perhaps she was now ready to meet Melissa.

"We're not doing anything next Saturday night, how about introducing me to this woman you share your closet with?"

"Are you sure you're ready?" Jeff asked hesitantly.

"Any woman that has that much of your closet must have a large share of your mind also. I have to meet her sooner or later, so I guess I'm as ready as I'll ever be. But, I warn you, Melissa had better not look better than me! I can't stand competition."

"I'll be careful."

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The rest of the week Susan thought over what Jeff meant to her. She now knew that he wasn't gay, and he didn't want a sex change. She at last felt that Melissa wouldn't/couldn't wreck their relationship. She thought back to Karen and her comments regarding macho men. Susan had experienced macho men, and the world could have them. She wanted Jeff.

There were still lingering questions. How intense were Jeff's feminine desires? Was Melissa truly a different person? Would they have sex? Could she handle it?

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All day Saturday Susan thought about her forthcoming meeting with Melissa. It was worse than meeting her future in-laws for the first time. What would she wear? What would Melissa wear? What would they do when she got there? How would she feel?

She finally decided to dress in a way that would be appropriate for her if Jeff was taking her out to dinner - dressy, yet not flashy.

Nervously, and anxiously, Susan arrived at Jeff's apartment promptly at eight. She pressed the doorbell - and Melissa slowly opened the door.

Susan just stood there, staring in disbelief. The pictures, the discussions, and her own vivid imagination had not prepared her for this moment.

Susan's reaction, or lack of it, made Melissa feel uneasy. Perhaps it was too soon, perhaps she couldn't handle it.

To Susan, Melissa was simply stunning. She knew Melissa was Jeff, but if she hadn't known, she would never have guessed. Melissa was lovely, she was a lady, and Susan was shocked.

Somebody had to say something, so Melissa nervously asked in a soft feminine voice, "Well? What do you think?"

Susan hesitated for a moment, then answered, "I think I need a drink - and don't spare the vodka!"

"Okay... but that didn't answer my question. What do you think?"

"You look fantastic!"

The relief brought by that answer nearly brought tears to Melissa's eyes. A broad smile creased her lips, and she responded, "Thanks. You look fantastic yourself.... New outfit? It's lovely."

"No.... I'm sorry for my reaction. You're just better than I expected. You're so female that I simply can't believe it. It is you isn't it?"

Melissa answered in Jeff's most basso profundo masculine voice, "Yes!" Then back to Melissa's softest most feminine voice, "Here's your drink. And I think that you'd better sit down before you fall down. I never thought I'd have this kind of effect on you. I'm sorry if I have upset you."

Susan took the drink and sipped it as she sat down on the sofa. She knew that she had to pull herself together, but the shock still had not worn off. This beautiful woman was Jeff! Her old insecurities returned. "Jeff, I mean Melissa, do you want to have it cut off? I mean, do you want to change your sex?"

"No! I've told you before. I won't deny the thought hasn't crossed my mind on more than one occasion, but no, I don't want to change my sex."

Susan felt reassured, but not entirely convinced. "Well that's a relief. Jeff... ah, Melissa... I'm sorry, but it's going to take me time to get used to calling you Melissa." She thought for a moment. "In fact, it's going to take me time to get used to the whole thing. - - I'm a bit overwhelmed." She thought for a moment longer, and with a half-hearted smile added, "I thought I warned you that Melissa had better not look better than me?"

Melissa laughed. "Sorry!" Susan laughed.

"Amazing," Susan continued, "simply amazing.... Your wig is gorgeous. Could I try it sometime?" Suddenly Susan felt giddy, and full of questions. She began to feel a sense of warmth and friendship for Melissa, strange but happy feelings. The evening passed rapidly as she asked one question after another, and before either of them realized, a hint of morning sunlight streamed through the window.

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Susan had learned a lot. She learned that Jeff and Melissa were two separate personalities, but the same person. She knew she loved Jeff, and learned that she also liked Melissa. She learned that Melissa was so happy she made Jeff happy, which in turn made Susan happy. She found Melissa to be a delight, and through Melissa found a new appreciation for her own womanhood. As time passed she found there were times that she actually wanted to have Melissa around instead of Jeff. She not only still had her lover and his love, she had a new best friend.

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When Jeff finally asked Susan to marry him there was no doubt in her mind that there was nothing she wanted more. She said yes to his proposal with excitement, love, and happiness flowing through her.

She thought of the wedding. Her first choice for her bridesmaid wouldn't be possible. There was no way that Melissa would attend the wedding! Well, she might be there in spirit, but that was the only way she would be there. Susan knew that left only one girlfriend for the honor - Karen. Susan thought of all that had happened since karen had told her about her breakup with Jeff and the reason for it. She though of Karen's reaction to the news, and knew that Karen would think she was crazy. Maybe she was, but she was in love, and happy, and that was all that was important. She laughed to herself as she dialed Karen's number. Susan didn't rush the conversation, she was actually setting Karen up for the surprise announcement.

Karen was stunned. "You've got to be kidding! You're going to marry Jeff? Why?"

"Because I love him Karen - all of him. can you think of a better reason?"

PERSONAL PROFILE
JANE NANCE (KS-0694)

This story is written as an effort to introduce myself to others, such as yourself. If you are like me, you probably find it helpful to know something about the person corresponding with you. So, this is a means to introduce you to Jane, to tell you about her development as a cross-dresser, and to share with you a little of the world she lives in.

I'm in my mid-fifties (55 in November of '84), a height of 5'7" and weigh 135 pounds. My common sizes in clothes are 14 in skirts; 16 in blouses, dresses and jackets; 36-B bra and 36 panties. I wear a 10 narrow shoe with a fairly thin heel to fit. Since the fall of 1983 a large segment of my wardrobe has been purchased after trying on the clothes as Jane in the dressing rooms of the various stores where they were purchased.

My work involves management and sales within a segment of the investment and finance industry. In the early part of 1984 I completed the requirements for a Master of Science Degree in Finance. Being somewhat well recognized by quite a few people in my business and the general public within my community, I must be cautious about cross-dressing activities in my home area.

For close to 30 years I have been married to a wonderful and loving spouse. In the spring of 1983 she received a Bachelor of Science degree and accepted a professional position in her field of specialized training. Prior to entering college she had spent all but the first several years of our marriage in taking care of our now grown children (girl-boy-girl).

For approximately the first 8 years of our marriage my wife was not aware of my cross-dressing activities.

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After eventually becoming secure enough to inform her of my dressing as a woman at times and my feminine feelings, we tended for years thereafter to deal with the issue superficially much of the time and on an infrequent basis. Prior to the later part of 1982 I rarely dressed in front of her. However, she now fully accepts my need to periodically cross-dress and participates in it with me. But like most wives, she still struggles at times with her emotions about a husband who has strong feminine feelings and programming.

I am proud of my three adult children. One daughter still lives at home and my son lives out of town. To my knowledge, none of the three is aware of my cross-dressing. However, were they ever to find out, I would rather that it be through my telling them than their finding out in some other way. But for now, neither of us is ready for this (my wife even less than I).

Nothing major transpired during my childhood that would seem to have precipitated my feeling like a female. The first recollections of wanting to wear something feminine seemed to start developing around age 11 or 12. Two of the items that I was most strongly attracted to in the beginning were hose and heels (the heels I still love in all shapes, heights, styles and colors). Some of my best early opportunities to cross-dress took place when I baby sat for either of my two older married sisters (taking place mainly in early to mid-teen years). My sisters had no idea how much I enjoyed their high heels, soft lingerie and pretty clothes!

From the start of high school until age 24 I lived away from home -- out of town. Initially I was preparing for the ministry and eventually ended up in religious life, spending five years in a monastery. The chances to cross-dress were limited and sporadic during that time.

Until about sometime in 1982 the intensity of my desires to be cross-dressed were erratic. However, during the period prior to 1982, those feelings and thought were always not far away in the recesses of my mind. I would go through varying lengths of time when the drives would become almost unbearably intense, followed by periods of moderation to near-remission. Until the late summer of 1983 I only ventured out cross-dressed on a few rare occasions (other than during a period many years ago when I did some dressing up in my car out on little traveled country back-roads). None of these experiences, however, are what I would now consider really 'being out of the closet!' Ironically, I almost have nightmares about the chances I took back then versus the full-blown going out in public situation now.

Since the period in 1982 previously mentioned, the desire to wear feminine attire and make-up has been virtually perpetual and intensely demanding. Incidentally, I have been told by professionals that the urge to cross-dress normally gets stronger and much more intense as one gets older.

Back during the period just described, when my desires to cross-dress became so terribly demanding, I slowly began to mention to my wife those growing sensations of a severe need to express the feminine feelings I was experiencing. For awhile this was personally threatening to the both of us and our relationship. However, due to our many years of very close sharing we have been able to survive those trying times and to grow through it all!

During one our many talks about my feelings and needs to cross-dress, I quite gingerly mentioned that maybe we might consider taking a week-end trip sometime where I would have the opportunity to spend time out cross-dressed as a woman. Only after many, many hours and days of discussion about the feelings and fears engendered by such a suggestion did my wife finally feel enough at ease to consider taking such a ;chance. In retrospect, that was an extremely brave and bold decision on her part!

A major reason for choosing to go out of town was due to my need to be very security conscious within my own community. Also, cross-dressing out of my home is slightly precarious due to our daughter still living there.

In August of 1983, with a trunk full of women's high heel shoes and clothes, my wife and I took off for

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Lincoln, Nebraska. We left on a Saturday morning with a need to return prior to Monday afternoon so that my wife could go to work that evening. After arriving at the motel It took me a long time to get made up and dressed. Finally Jane was ready, and the two of us nervously took off in the car on our first full-fledged outing. After several very quick walk-throughs at a couple of stores and an aborted attempt to eat dinner in a very busy restaurant (due to my fright), we went to a pizza parlor and ordered a pizza to take back to our room in the motel. That was enough scary stuff for one day, so we ladies spent the balance of the evening safely watching TV in our room.

The next day (Sunday) I slept in a little while and then got up to start the process of making up again for another day. I put on my blue sheer dress with small red and white flower print, my strappy white platform heels, and grey wig. Throwing the straps of my white purse over my shoulder, we took off again for another day. We drove around quite a while, finally finding a very nice large shopping mall. We entered a restaurant at the mall that was full of many people in line for either breakfast or lunch. Again, like the night before, I chickened out and suggested that we go elsewhere for breakfast. Luckily, the mall had a Woolworth's store with an almost abandoned grill area. My wife ordered our breakfast, speaking for the two of us, and we ate in a corner area away from the only other couple there at the time. However, that experience engendered enough bravery on my part to attempt a leisurely stroll through many of the stores in the mall. Although I still tended to stay out of the small shops where the clerks were more likely to approach you and offer their help.

From the mall we two ladies drove to several sight-seeing places in Lincoln and then to a Famous Brands self-service shoe store for my first purchase dressed as Jane. I tried on quite a few pairs of heels and finally picked out one I wanted and gave it to

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my wife to take to the register for payment.

By now it was getting to be late in the afternoon, and on our drive back to the motel my wife expressed a need to pull back from this feminine experience. She asked me if I would dress as my male self before going out to dinner that evening. So, husband and wife went out for cocktails and a nice leisurely dinner.

Monday morning as I drove home I was 'ecstatic' about the experience I had just had! My wife verbalized having enjoyed getting out of town and away from work for the weekend, but she still had some fairly strong apprehensions about being out with her husband as 'another woman'.

After this first trip we again spent many hours discussing our feelings and thoughts. Finally my wife was feeling secure enough to agree to planning another trip. This time we chose to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in mid-November. That trip saw me begin to eat all meals out in restaurants, starting to develop and use my virtually untried feminine voice, trying on clothes in department store dressing rooms and using the ladies restrooms to relieve myself and touch up make-up. The last evening was quite special for Jane and her lady friend. We spent it attending a dinner theater and seeing an enjoyable play. For two-and-one-half glorious days I lived as a woman the entire time -- staying dressed and made-up!

In March of 1984 we two ladies took another three-day trip, this time to Omaha, Nebraska, followed by one to Wichita, Kansas, in June and back to Omaha in August. We now take trips at will, based on our being able to get away from work, my wife's psychological readiness, and upon feeling able to afford the expense. The Confide Counseling Service in New York told me they felt that these trips were a good way to keep myself on an even keel.

I am now totally at ease with my ability to 'pass' under all conditions, and to look and feel like a woman in any situation. However, I would mention that my build and features are not totally ideal for a woman. But apparently I'm close enough (as women come in all kinds of shapes and looks). By assuming the proper 'airs' and 'actions' I am accepted in society 'as a woman'. The trips we take are truly the climax of a lifetime dream to be able to completely experience the feelings of being a woman (except for some plumbing). They are a tremendous release and extremely fulfilling to me!

You might like to know where I would put myself on a scale covering transvestism, transsexualism, and transgenderist. I would peg myself somewhere between transvestism and transsexualism. Although my orientation is heterosexual, I have basic feelings that I was programmed by nature and/or environment as a female rather than as a male. But due to my happy marriage and wonderful family, for years now I haven't seriously entertained thoughts of changing my anatomical sexual apparatus or living full time in the female role. However, when cross-dressed I do experience the feeling of actually being a woman; that is, natural and at ease projecting the female gender. This seems to contrast somewhat from my more typical transvestite friends who describe themselves as always feeling like a male but thoroughly enjoying and being satisfied by what they sometimes describe as 'masquerading' as a woman.

I have progressed to a point where I am confident that my personal self-image is one of being free of shame or guilt about cross-dressing. But no doubt I'm still trying to deal with some feelings related to how most of society in general rejects the cross-dresser. Surely to some degree I'm affected as to my feelings about being an 'acceptable self' within that society. However, isn't this the burden that society has always placed on minorities and the shackles that such groups must constantly struggle with?

I have been a member of Tri-Ess (Society for the Second Self) since January, 1983, and of GGA (Gateway Gender Alliance) since May, 1984. The help and shared knowledge relating to cross-dressing that I have received from others within these organizations, and especially the support and love of my wife, have been invaluable to me over the recent years. During this period they have aided me in the process of coming 'out of the closet.'

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This has allowed me to experience accomplishments that I would not have believed possible in such a short period of time. I now fully appreciate and enjoy the fulfillment and excitement of truly partaking of life from the viewpoint of both genders!

I hope that you found this story of my growth and struggles to have been interesting. If you happen to already be an accomplished cross-dresser, perhaps this description of my journey will permit you to enjoy and relive some of your own early struggles and eventual successes. Hopefully, it will also help you to appreciate more fully what you yourself have achieved. On the other hand, should you be in the early stages of dealing with your feelings and needs to cross-dress at some level (either publicly or privately), perhaps you may find heart to put up with some of the hardships and d ficulties you likely may occasionally experience on the way!

INTERVIEW

INSIDE THE WORLD'S ONLY TRANSVESTITE-TRANSSEXUAL DATING SERVICE

by John Lafatta

As a freelance writer for several of Seattle's alternative newspapers I decided to approach Philip Salem, Executive Director of the U.S. TV-TS Contact Service for an interview. After being ensconced in limbo for over 4 months, I finally got a call from Philip Salem, who invited me to meet with him and Ina Rubin at her posh home in Bellvue, Washington.

After months of dilatory tactics upon the part of this tandem, I felt ingratiated that I would have the opportunity to interview them both.

Philip, who is in the jargon known as an 'admirer', used to run Michael Salem's TV boutiques in both Philadelphia and Miami in the mid 70's. He came to Seattle in 1977 and had hoped to become the editor of Cathy Slavik's Empathy Press which put out the worldwide transvestite directory. Ina Rubin, a mother of two teenage daughters, was originally selling a product called 'Hair Ender' to reduce the growth of facial hair, and Philip became one of her customers. They were introduced by a mutual friend and that by happenstance meeting was to eventually alter the TV-TS scene in America.

J.L.: I read that you originally received all the telephone calls directly.

I.R.: For the first six months of the U.S. TV-TS Contact Service in 1980, I handled all the phone calls directly. When people hear a woman's voice, they try to take advantage of the situation. Being a principled moral naif, I did not anticipate this would happen. Naturally some people were honest and joined the Contact Service and received their free membership. The idea, was, and still is, to build a national network of transvestites, transsexuals, and admirers, including men and women and couples.

J.L.: Philip, how did you feel when Ina Rubin decided that she didn't want to handle incoming telephone calls anymore?

P.S.: When you grow up in New York City and are exposed to the Lee Brewster's and Michael Salem's of the world, you inherit a certain sense of street smarts that only inveterate New York City people know about. I welcomed the challenge of operating the network and leaving Ina to answering the mail especially since letter writing is not my forte. It's easy to get burned out on the telephones. But if the caller is serious and motivated and is interesting, I enjoy it. Otherwise, it is a boring repetitive chore. Larry King slams the phone on people who act juvenile. I have only slammed the phone on 2 individuals in 5 years. Since I have received almost 150,000 calls, I would maintain that is an incredible track record. About 5% of callers will hang up on me in the midst of conversation.

J.L.: Ina, what is happening in the

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TV-TS scene now in 1985?

I.R.: The Reagan mandate has fostered a palpably perceived anti-sexuality backlash in the country. Swinger clubs are facing shrinkage. Major adult publications like Playboy and Penthouse have been taken out of outlets throughout the United States. The AIDS scare has filled the homosexual community with havoc. Lots of individuals are isolated and lonely now, and today more than ever need to touch base with other people who share their scene. Transsexuals who used to go to bars are now apprehensive about getting AIDS and want to meet heterosexual admirers whose profile indicates they are relatively risk free. This makes a transvestite, transsexual, female impersonator, or gay cross-dresser very reassured that the people they are meeting through the Contact Service are relatively risk free.

J.L.: What do you see as a major development in the TV-TS world?

P.S.: Definitely the emergence of a national TV-TS magazine called 'Tapestry' which lists every TV-TS organization in the country. We carry it, and people can obtain it from us. If the magazine is to be successful, it must be distributed nationally and that has always been the problem with the TV newspapers.

J.L.: Do either of you think there will ever be a united transvestite-transsexual movement?

I.R.: I seriously doubt it. The nature of the beast works against it. If we lived in a society that accepted male transvestism, that would be marvelous, but that's not the case. Also, heterosexual transvestites have difficulties with gay cross-dressers, transsexuals, and female impersonators, and it's the latter that makes up the bulk of our membership. There are oodles of women out there that want to meet heterosexual transvestites, and although I have only 300 women admirers who are members, I hope that by 1988 I will have 1,000 women members. We have a special way of recruiting ladies to the Contact Service. The fact that we are able to corner the market on transsexuals, both pre-operative and post-operative, and admirer women makes us different from the rest of the pack.

P.S.: I agree with Ina that a serious national movement is theoretically impossible. People who call us up are not interested in any movement. they just want to have sex with others. I ask members if they would be photographed by the Miami News, or Chicago Tribune, or Columbus Dispatch. NO! They just want a boyfriend, electrolysis, and hormone pills. Whenever we get an article in a major daily, we usually get several hundred new members. We ask the new girls to help build a movement; obviously they would then be able to meet so many more people in their area. But, it's basically a forlorn cause.

J.L.: Do you people enjoy running America's only nationwide TV-TS dating service?

I.R.: I detest writing letters to people. I hate correspondence. The year is 1985. Everything is computers. I don't know why people are so freaked about having their telephone number make public. The transsexuals aren't; the women aren't, but the TVs, admirers, and swinger couples are very apprehensive.

P.S.: I am used to very educated people. On the telephone, I speak to people who claim they are transsexuals and when I get through with them, they are gay males who want to buy hormones. It's a drag when so many people don't level with you. People say one thing and in reality they want to say something else. You have to extract from them what they really are all about. That's what you are dealing with when you deal with TVs and TSs - a lot of people that have a specious reality about things at large. Many transvestites love to go to rap or social groups. They prefer dressing up in a non-sexual, non-threatening milieu. Our members are basically girls who want to deck themselves out to the nines and pretend they are Marilyn Monroe or Racquel Welch or Priscilla Presley and turn on a masculine man to she-male or transvestite lovemaking.

J.L.: Any closing comments?

I.R.: I wish more couples would join the U.S. TV-TS Contact Service. I guess free membership isn't enough of a lure. Basically couples are looking for a single, unattached female to hook up with. Out of 12,000 members, we

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have less than 30 couples. And most TVs and TSs have no interest in couples anyway. It would be great if when people called us up they could say who they are, and where they saw a story on us. They are so uptight. Maybe they think they have a wrong phone number. We used to say, "U.S. TV-TS Contact Service," but so many people would slam the phone on Philip or I when they heard that. It's overwhelming. when we send stuff to people, we never print 'USTTCS' on our letterhead, but they'll ask us time and time again, are we discreet? That's a great disappointment.

P.S.: If Ina sounds harsh, there is veracity to her remarks. Many of the super beauties who are our members are Sulka-types who dropped out of school at 16, turned to hustling for a dozen or more years, now are turning 30 and want to reform. They are getting older, don't deal with the bar scene and are afraid of homosexual men because of the AIDS scare and are coming to us desperately because they want a man - a straight man. Most want to have nothing to do with transvestites. Look, I can go on and on but the fact is that both Ina and I would like to get out. If we could find a couple in America that had the smarts to keep the system fluid, and was serious about building it up, we'd gladly relinquish it to them. A couple from Sacramento came up to Seattle to discuss it with us but when they got home, they decided it would be too overwhelming. 12,000 members is overwhelming. We suffer from severe burnout.

LEGAL SEMINAR....

Most of us have a gnawing fear, what do we do if we are in public and we are confronted by the police, or are arrested. Naomi, a lawyer, and president of Chi Chapter - Tri Ess, conducts legal seminars for Fantasia Fair, and for events and conventions in the Upper Mid-West. She offers these comments:

DO'S

1) Acknowledge your male status.
2) Ask for identification of the officer, if in plain clothes.
3) Give real name and address.
4) Show legal identification.
5) Avoid public places where your presence might be misunderstood.
6) Peacefully follow officer.
7) Respectfully insist upon contacting your lawyer.
8) Request postponement of court date
9) Carry sufficient money for bond.

DON'TS

1) Use phony names or addresses.
2) Obtain licenses or IDs in femme name.
3) Resist arrest or attempt to flee.
4) Try to bargain or bribe officer.
5) Sign any written statement.
6) Disclose your sexual preference, or information about your job.
7) Admit or deny any charges.
8) Discuss your case with other prisoners.
9) Be arrogant nor intimidated.

One final point to make; the U.S. Constitution prohibits unreasonable search and seizure. However, a search may be reasonable on several bases: (1) incident to a lawful arrest, (2) based on probable cause and exigent circumstances, (3) while in 'hot pursuit', (4) 'plain view' seizure, (5) by consent, (6) upon a lawful warrant.

In making a lawful arrest, an officer may search the person arrested to prevent attack, to prevent escape, to discover fruits of the crime and to discover evidence.

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PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING
with Dr. Richard F. Docter

Question: Where do our fantasies come from? How do they originate?

Dr. Docter: There are several suggestions concerning the formation of fantasies. One view is that fantasies are a way of meeting needs which are not fulfilled in real life. Another view emphasizes the play activities of early childhood which also may be organized around wish fulfillment but which may result from any other causes. Through play, the young child can work toward control and mastery of events which he or she cannot regulate in real life, such as recapturing the love of a parent or expressing intense anger in response to frustration. Perhaps those who begin cross-dressing at a very early age may be clutching for security blankets, so to speak, through the clothing of the mother who is the major focus of security in early childhood.

Question: Do you believe the biological factors can be ruled out as a possible cause of cross-dressing?

Dr. Docter: No! It is clear that virtually all of our behavior is to some extent dependent upon biological functioning. I would join with most psychologists who insist that the understanding of complex behavior, whether it be cross-dressing or any other behavior, be considered as the product of interactions among biological, social, and learning variables. Some behavior, such as reflexes, are almost entirely due to built-in neurological circuits. Cross-dressing seems far too complex to be attributed to biology alone. No unique hormonal, genetic, endocrine, or other biological factor has yet been shown to be present in either TVs or TSs.

Question: Should I tell my young children about my TV interests?

Dr. Docter: This is so complicated it is impossible to give a brief word of advice. Judging from my interviews and correspondence with a large number of TVs, the usual tactic is to keep the entire TV matter secret and to release information only on the basis of some kind of need to know or following accidental discovery. Some TVs will offer strong arguments for full disclosure to children, often when they are supposedly old enough to understand. Others urge complete silence and strict security. No one knows from a factual standpoint what the benefits or risks may be relative to the development of the children of TVs.

Question: How common is it for wives to be unaware of their husband's TV activity?

Dr. Docter: While this is often highly secretive behavior for many years, most of the TVs in my research sample (about 100) have explained their TV needs to their wives. A high percentage of wives in this study clearly dislike cross-dressing but a surprising number see it as a therapeutic and pleasurable experience for the husband and are therefore quite supportive. The strongest objections relate to lapses of security and concerns about family and friends' attitudes.

Question: Does heterosexual cross-dressing occur in women in our culture?

Dr. Docter: Perhaps, but I have never met such a person or even read of a convincing case history. When these are reported they are very rare. Do you know of such an individual? Please let me know if you do. On the other hand, cross-dressing in lesbian women is often seen.

Question: Are there similar personality characteristics among heterosexual TVs?

Dr. Docter: Briefly, they seem to be men with a history of shyness, sexual inhibition, emotional constraint, a strong desire to succeed and so-called obsessive-compulsive personality structure. They tend to be free of major

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neurotic symptoms other than the guilt and anxieties which tie in with their cross-dressing. Major mental illness is not more common among TVs than in a similar group from the general population.

Question: Are attitudes toward cross-dressing changing in the U.S.?

Dr. Docter: No one really knows. It seems clear, however, that films and plays such as Tootsie and La Cage au Folles might help to loosen up the rigid attitudes held by many persons concerning any form of sexual or gender deviance. We live in a very conservative society and one which some have described as "sex negative." Remember that such media cross-dressing may also strengthen the idea that any and all cross-dressing is homosexually directed. Surely, no plays or films have ever attempted to present the typical heterosexual pattern of cross-dressing.

Question: Can cross-dressing behavior be eliminated by any known procedures?

Dr. Docter: There are many examples of individuals who have made great changes in their cross-dressing behavior, both with and without assistance from someone else. Unique circumstances, such as being inducted into the armed forces may require radical adjustments when the opportunity to cross-dress is severely restricted. The elimination of this behavior through psychotherapy, aversive conditioning, and other behavior modification procedures has not proven to be effective. Very possibly, cross-dressing is unlike some life threatening behavior, such as drug dependency, in that the typical TV does not look upon his cross-dressing as an activity which is ruining his life. He often sees more benefit than harm.

Question: Why do some wives seem very accepting of cross-dressing at first, and then become angry and resentful later?

Dr. Docter: No doubt there are many reasons. Perhaps some deny their real feelings when they first learn of this behavior, make every effort to go along with something they really don't like. Their real feelings surface at a later time. Perhaps others don't get the true picture at first, then they feel pushed aside, threatened in several ways, and respond to this intense frustration with anger and resentment.

(** If you have any questions for Dr. Docter, please write to: National Gender Project, P.O. Box 126, Northridge, CA 91328)

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PSYCHOLOGY:

ROGER'S NOTEBOOK
by Roger E. Peo, PhD

Question: I like to wear women's clothes but I have no desire to interact with males when I am cross-dressed. I have read several articles that seem to connect cross-dressing with homosexuality. Am I gay and just do not know it?

Answer: One of the most common misunderstandings about cross-dressing is that if you dress like a woman, then you MUST have all the same feelings as a woman. We all carry in our heads a collection of concepts that define for us the appropriate behaviors for men and women. When we see a person who appears to be a woman or who does things that are associated with women, we attach to that person ALL the behaviors that are appropriate to women in this society. Just because a cross-dresser wears women's clothes does not mean that he has the same motivations and feelings as a woman. Since most women prefer men as sexual partners, there can be an assumption that a male who likes to wear women's clothes must also want a male as a sexual partner. Also, there have been things written about 'latent homosexuality' which simply meant that you were gay and

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didn't know it!!! Current information has shown that people who are gay are fully aware of it and often at an early age. As for cross-dressers, the best information available indicates that more than 90% of them prefer women as sexual partners. So if you are the typical cross-dresser you are most probably not gay, for if you were you would be aware of it.

One other thing - there appears to be a hidden concern in your question - it seems that you may be thinking that being homosexual is bad. There is nothing wrong in choosing persons of the same sex for sexual partners. If there is a loving, caring relationship between the two people, the type of genitalia each person has is immaterial. The major problem that most gay people have is rejection by judgmental people who do not understand the gay lifestyle.

Question: I would like to take female hormones. Is this dangerous?

Answer: It is most assuredly dangerous even if you are under a physician's care. There are two different kinds of effects - physical and psychological. Physically, taking female hormones can cause many undesirable side-effects, even in women. Birth control pills (female hormones) effect every organ in the body. (One thing that is particularly dangerous is taking your wife's birth control pills. These are prescribed for her particular situation and may be very wrong for you.) If a person has had liver problems, high blood pressure, diabetes and many other diseases, they are often not use, because they can aggravate the condition. In males, female hormones also reduce male hormone production and action. (Female hormones may slow balding but will not grow hair nor reduce body/facial hair, nor will they change a masculine voice to a feminine one.) Since the body's hormone system has many interrelated actions, the radical changing of one component can change other (non-sexual) hormone levels. These changes may result in psychological changes in addition to the desired physical changes (such as breast growth). The psychological changes may include such things as reduced sex drive and general apathy. In addition, there is the social aspect - how does one explain increased breast growth and loss of muscle tissue? In sum, the 'benefits' of taking the female hormones can be more than cancelled by the negative side-effects, so for the average cross-dresser, taking female hormones is not a good idea.

Question: There are times that I do not feel like cross-dressing and other times that it is always on my mind. Is this normal?

Answer: Since no one knows why some males like to wear women's clothes, it is hard to say what is 'normal'. Sometimes cross-dressing is associated with sexual arousal, and other times it can provide escape from the pressures of being a male in this society. Like all other activities, cross-dressing takes energy. If you are tired or under a lot of stress you may be burning up a lot of energy to handle these situations and just be too tired to cross-dress. Also, like any other 'forbidden fruit', if you can not dress when you want to, you can become preoccupied with the need, so it will always be on your mind. The real test is how you feel about your feelings. If you do not want to dress and that feels OK then it is OK. If your need to cross-dress is always on your mind, you need to know why and then find the time to dress, which for many cross-dressers is enough. Be sure that you take your partner's feelings into consideration if she will be involved with your dressing. So, normal is whatever is right for you.

Question: I like to go out in public dressed as a woman. What should I do if I am discovered?

Answer: A lot depends on the circumstances of the discovery. Whatever the situation, DO NOT PANIC! The other person is probably more confused than you are although you may find that hard to believe. The simplest case is being 'read' (especially by teen age girls - stay away from them and small children when you are out). This situation is probably, at worst, embarrassing and

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the best thing to do under these circumstances is to move quickly but unobtrusively out of the situation. a more difficult situation is being discovered in the ladies room or dressing area. While it may be necessary for you to be there, try to explain, but you should apologize for any embarrassment you may have caused. There are no state or federal laws that prohibit cross-dressing (there are probably some local statutes), however there are catch-all laws such as loitering and creating a public nuisance under which you can be detained. If you are stopped by an officer of the law, follow two rules: (1) Do not lie or pretend that you are a woman, and (2) Do not offer any information but politely answer basic questions such as name, age and address. If it appears that you will be arrested, you should be advised of your rights and then do not answer any further questions until you have legal counsel. The best advice for going out while cross-dressed is to know the environment you will be in, wear clothes that women would normally wear in such situations and be as inconspicuous as possible.

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(** The following articles, 'Secret Life' and 'Myths', were edited from the Feb. 6 edition of the Pioneer Press & Dispatch of St. Paul, MN.)

'Secret life' isolates most cross-dressers

by Georgann Koelin

He's young and scared, excited and guilty. Locked in his bedroom he's dressed in women's clothes. And he wonders if any other men feel the same need he does to cross-dress.

It's not that he's a homosexual or a transsexual - someone who wants to change sex. He likes women and is married. But he also wants to experience being a woman and there's not a soul he dare share it with...

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The typical transvestite in the Twin Cities has been invisible. Intimidated by public hostility, the cross-dresser has hidden his secret from family, friends and, in some cases, has avoided close relationships entirely, fearing he'd be discovered.

"The worst part is wondering if you're the only one," said a Minnetonka man who calls himself Jennifer when he dresses in women's clothes.

Jennifer, 31, has been wearing women's clothes privately since the age of 8, publicly about six months, secure now in the knowledge he has "sisters." He belongs to a social club of about a dozen other men who dress as women for meetings in private homes anywhere from St. Paul's East Side to the west side of Minneapolis. A California-based sorority sends out general news of the transvestite life nationally, including tips on dressing. An East Coast magazine lists transvestite social and service organizations that are popping up from Waukesha, Wis., to Paris, France.

"I don't want attention," Jennifer said. He drew no special scrutiny from those around him as he sipped tea in a St. Paul coffee shop, dressed in waist-length wig, short leather skirt, spike heels and bright red false fingernails. "I just want to pass (as a woman)." Jennifer dresses up about once a week.

Brian Peterson/Staff Photographer

"Women cross-dress all the time. Men can't do that because it's going a step down," says a Minnetonka man who goes by the name of Jennifer when he dresses like a woman.

"I don't want to be a woman (by means of surgery). I know I can't have a baby. Cross-dressing releases tension. I throw off all that masculine baggage," he said. "I love women. I love them so much I want to look like them but not necessarily all the time. It's very complimentary to women.

"Unfortunately, you can't be a woman in business and get anywhere," he

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said. Which is why Jennifer, who holds an MBA degree, says he trades skirts for trousers and a male identity to make a living as a white-collar worker.

Right now, Jennifer is unemployed, living on savings and a stipend from his parents, who he says are unaware of his cross-dressing.

He learned of an organization for cross-dressers called Tri-Ess Sorority from a daytime television show. The national group is composed primarily of heterosexual married men. From the group he obtained a list of names of members living in the area. One of them, in turn, introduced him to a group of men associated with the University of Minnesota's Human Sexuality program.

"There's no way in the world I'm going to quit cross-dressing," he said. "I don't want to. It doesn't hurt anybody."

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Don (not his real name) is a hefty 6-footer. He is a 36-year-old seminary graduate but is not ordained. He's active in his local church, where he is an adult education teacher, a lay reader and helps administer communion.

"I lead a quiet life," he said while being interviewed in the Minneapolis double bungalow he and his cat call home. He was dressed for the interview in a pink dress, dark wig, white hose and high-heeled shoes. On an end table was propped a picture of Don in a man's sport coat and tie, a pipe gripped in one hand.

Occasionally, for a split second, he'd forget his feminine role and crack a knuckle or two.

"My philosophy is that cross-dressing is a pastime, a hobby - non-sexual," said Don, who calls himself Yvonne when he dresses as a woman. He is divorced from a woman who knew of his interest in cross-dressing before they were married, but never saw him fully dressed as a woman.

He says he's in a serious relationship now with a woman he told about his cross-dressing after their second date. she accompanies him to social meetings of cross-dressers.

Don says he started dressing in female clothes during puberty. His family still doesn't know.

He was referred to the Human Sexuality program at the university by a doctor he was consulting about a partial sex change operation, breast enlargement.

"I was in transsexual pain, which happens often in midlife," Don said. "Through screening sessions I came to realize what I wanted wasn't surgery but to feel better about myself as a cross-dresser. We explore the secrecy, shame and guilt. If we're more accepting of ourselves, it's easier to say to someone, 'Here's what I am. I'm sharing it with you. If you can't accept it, I hope you can tolerate it.'"

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Fear of physical harm, harassment, exploitation, domination - these are the kinds of things men who dress as women say they experience when they switch clothes, to say nothing of the real pain they suffer in spike-heeled shoes and constrictive clothing. Yet they continue to do it. They say they're experiencing the discrimination that women have been talking about for It's the same kind of insight Dustin Hoffman gained playing a cross-dresser in the movie, "Tootsie."

Cross-dressers say it's intellectually impossible to describe what is "feminine" and what is "masculine," though our culture has its own definitions. A career woman dressed in a shirt, tie, blazer and pants is considered fashionable, for example, while a man wearing a skirt is not.

In St. Paul, a city ordinance forbids a person from appearing in a public place nude or "in a dress not belonging to his or her sex."

"We don't often prosecute under this ordinance," said Mike Driscoll, city attorney, criminal division. "There are portions of it that are questionable as to their constitutionality."

Cross-dressing is an issue of "gender expression," according to Merissa Sherrill Lynn of Wayland, Mass. He's editor of 'Tapestry' magazine, aimed at those interested in transvestism and transsexualism.

"What constitutes masculinity and femininity, how to come to terms with it involves humanism," said Lynn. "Transvestites are the same as any minority. There is fear and ignorance

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about (transvestism) and from it comes anger and hostility."

Lynn is founder of a self-supporting retreat house for transvestites and transsexuals on the outskirts of Boston.

"There is a growing tolerance (for transvestites)," said Lynn, but in Minnesota there is still no structured organization. "In the Midwest you seem to get a great deal more fear - fear of social reprisal. But people are growing up. Gentleness is no longer a weakness."

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Cross-dressing still surrounded by myths

by Georgann Koelin

Cross-dressing, in and of itself, is not a problem as I view it," said Dr. Eli Coleman, associate director of the Program in Human Sexuality at the University of Minnesota's medical school.

"How a person cross-dresses or what they do with it may be a problem. I'm, concerned about eliminating the compulsive or self-destructive elements. For some, cross-dressing is like an addiction. They have no control - they must do it.

"They might dislike aspects of it and want to change but can't. Then it becomes a source of guilt, shame and a barrier to intimacy. Then, clearly, it's a problem for them."

Cross-dressing is not a sign of latent homosexuality, said Coleman, though that myth persists. "It's one of the biggest fears a (female) partner has. Their other big fear is that he is transsexual (one who feels trapped in the wrong body and wants to change sex surgically). Most often the answer is 'no,' but for some it is true."

Carol Beecroft, national director of the Society for the Second Self in Beverly Hills, Calif., estimates there are about 4 million males in the country who could be called transvestites, or 4 percent of the male population.

While Coleman thinks that estimate may be high, he says the Human Sexuality Program for transvestites and transsexuals was established in Minnesota "in response to a need in the community."

There is no single profile of the typical transvestite, said Coleman, who describes instead a continuum of behavior ranging from a man who'll acquire one garment, such as nylons, to one who'll slip on a complete female identity. One man, he said, may feel the need to cross-dress once a week for an hour or two, another may do it full time. One may experience no sexual arousal, while for another it may be his only way to experience sexual arousal.

On one end of the continuum, a cross-dresser may fantasize about being a woman but go back to his male identity when he takes the clothes off. On the opposite end of the scale is the cross-dresser who is always female, or transsexual.

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"We see a lot of people in between on the continuum," said Coleman, "some of them confused about who they are and what they want to be.

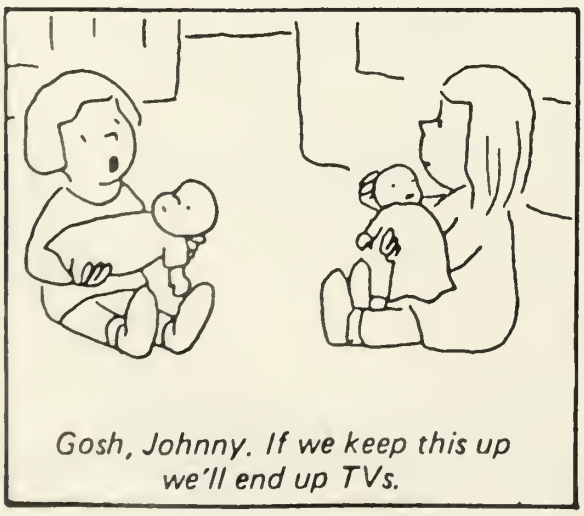
The most common transvestite, he says, is a heterosexual male who is turned on to women, never men.

Cross-dressing, said Coleman, can be tranquilizing to some - the classic case being the businessman who fights corporate battles all day and goes back to his hotel room at night to relax in women's clothes. Or it can resolve a psychiatric conflict from a man's past, like the person who as a child watched his mother being raped by his father and later in life took on the role of mother by cross-dressing to somehow help remove her pain.

"Very little is known about causes," said Coleman. "Treatment, some say, should be in changing society. If society didn't have such restrictive attitudes about the way men behave, if it allowed men more feminine expression and women more masculine expression, wouldn't it change things?"

The reason society is so hostile to cross-dressing, Coleman and others reason, is that society is more concerned about what men do than women. "Men are the pillars of society and you don't want to experiment with that. It's too threatening to the whole structure of society."

"I know I've done everything right — I pass," says Jennifer, a male cross-dresser who drew little attention when he walked up St. Paul's Fifth Street. In his other life, Jennifer is an unemployed white-collar worker.



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A TV'S DREAM BAND
by Dee Dee

Ten TVs quite fair of face
Playing cymbals, snares and bass.
Another ten who could be clones
playing trumpets and trombones.
Another ten in sky-hi heels
Playing chords on glockenspiels.
Another ten in hi-heeled boots
Tootling away on fifes and flutes.
Right up front and having fun
Jony and accordion.
Dee Dee, too, right up there with 'em
Beating out a 4/4 rhythm.
(But, in fairness, a warning word,
An outfit better seen than heard.

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(The following article is a review of the HBO film 'What Sex Am I?', Directed by Lee Grant, produced by Joseph Feury)

EXTREME REMEDIES
by Darrell Yates Rist

Every little boy who's fallen short of masculinity's ideal knows the sting of being called "sissy." That's one thing for a boy who cries too easily, who lisps or, say, walks too loosely, or is overly expressive. It's quite another for a little boy who wants, at least sometimes, to wear a dress - and quite another still if he at last decides a dress does not a woman make, that nothing but a bona fide vagina will suffice.

Lee Grant's new film 'What Sex Am I?', throws the camera on boys who grew up to be transvestites and transsexuals - and on a couple of women, too, who opted surgically to switch their sex. Having played at New York's Public Theater weekends during March, throughout April the documentary will air on HBO. Remember 'Word Is Out', the film of interviews with lesbians and gay men? It's candid, comfortable exposure of homosexual lives - ranging from the lofty to profane - told the easy truth most gays already knew about themselves (and needed to hear again and again, like scolded children begging for the story about the time when they were good, knowledge starving for opinion). And for heterosexuals living with their blinders on (loathe to discover good in any but themselves) and for those gays who thought they were exactly what the average heterosexual said they were, the film was an awakening, helping turn 'queers' human. 'What Sex Am I?' does something of that sort for transvestites and transsexuals.

The men and women in the film tell their stories for themselves. Grant stays off camera, asking questions and filling in with just enough narration to make transitions smooth. But she is never hard, or brittly documentary. Her style is journalistic objectivity infused with sympathy, a gentle touch, almost tentative - the right approach to a topic so absurdly burdened with ignorance and hysteria.

Right, that is, to a degree, Grant's stance as an explorer open-mindedly discovering new territory - and ultimately what seems to be her own pale critical understanding of her subject - keeps her presentation glib. She avoids murky inquiries. A TV talks about his interest in women's clothes: "Maybe Mom and Dad would have liked a girl better than a boy." A TS tells us why she left manhood behind: "I just knew I was a woman." Credulous, Grant sums up that people such as these are in a "gender crisis - the mind and body are in conflict." And, to corroborate, she gets professional opinion. Norman Fisk is the founder of Stanford University's gender program. His theory on transsexuals is this: biology and hormones make them do it. Hormones make a man put on a dress and have his penis taken off?

Lest I be glib, the straightforward manner of this film asks us casually to accept that there is something natural in distinguishing the masculine and feminine other than in terms of disparate genitals and what anatomy and biology generally require - the capacity of women, for example, to bear children, the lack of that in men. What Grant glosses over is the near obsession for sexual identity that's based on clothes, mannerism, and prerogative. Put on heels, a dress, slap on makeup, do your nails, sashay when you walk, act demure and soft: become a woman. Put on wing-tips, slacks, a shirt, a tie, a jacket, adopt a heavy step, be bold: become a man. Nothing's more absurdly artificial than that.

Some of Grant's interviewees talk about these things, but she does not pursue them. Steven Dain, who used to be a woman, spent a childhood ridiculed for 'boyish' interests, like heavy sports, and for her 'masculine' demeanor. Not happy being 'mannish' as a woman, she finally made her anatomy conform to the image legislated by society as fitting for her kind of personality. Steven is a lucky one: his conformity has brought peace. But then there's Clifford, whose sex-change operation was the only way he felt he had to escape his homosexuality (better to be a woman having sex with men than to be a faggot). He remembers right before the anesthesia took hold trying

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to tell the doctors that he'd made a big mistake. Too late. Today his penis is removed, a vagina's in its place. He is, he says, a homosexual man for whom the world's come to an end.

Cross-dressing and sexual reassignment surgery are efforts, at different places on the scale, to capture qualities of expression we are all denied; boys must not be sissies, girls must not be butch. Both, in their own ways, opt for extremes. No blending. All or nothing. There's something angering there. But our anger's misdirected if it flies at men and women who, to solve the problem, switch their gender or their sex. Our rage, instead, should be against a culture which steals our birthright to a whole array of personality and drama forbidden us perversely as inappropriate just because of what we have between our legs.

'What Sex Am I?' successfully removes transvestites and transsexuals from the world of freaks, even fairly casts them as heroic for their bravery in taking on society's most sacred idol, gender role. That's a major contribution. But there's not a breath of scorn for the mandates of a culture in which the word 'transvestite' has meaning - or in which transsexual surgery is ever necessary. That's an egregious flaw.

(** Editor's note: For the most part I agree with Darrell's assessment of the film. There are, however, two dangerously misleading items. The first is Darrell's assessment of Norman Fisk's position (biology and hormones make them do it), and Darrell's comment about being a woman and being a man (nothing's more absurdly artificial than that).

Dr. Fisk was not talking about hormones. He was talking chromosomes in a prenatal mix (whether the Y was strong enough to suppress 'feminine' instincts and behavior from developing, and vise versa). He was not talking about anything 'making' anybody do or be anything. He was talking about the pre-natal mix causing a tendency, or inclination, and was reinforcing the importance of that tendency in the development of one's gender identity.

As to what makes a woman or a man, there are two considerations. The first is biological - a man or woman is an adult male or female. That may be true, but totally irrelevant, for it does not say how one perceives him/her self, how one is supposed to act, feel, dress, look, etc. The second consideration is psychological/sociological, namely, defining how a man or woman is 'supposed' to act, feel, dress, etc. I agree with Darrell, that is absurdly artificial, but that is the basis on which we perceive ourselves as human beings, what and who we are, and how we are. That may be artificial, but it is totally relevant, and therefore, for human beings, completely natural. - MSL)

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Glen or Glenda?

by
Trashette

A recent overcast Sunday afternoon, Henny and I went to the Pied Piper to talk to some cross-dressers who were in town for a convention. I had always see these "six-foot women" at various times of the year, but had never really spoken to them. I had been intrigued by them for a long time and wanted to find out what they thought: Why they are the way they are and how they perceive themselves.

As objects of ridicule by people from every sector of Provincetown's sociosystem, we found them to be even more interesting, as we are no strangers to ridicule ourselves. I found the majority of cross-dressers I met to be friendly and open. They seemed honest about themselves, and on the whole were a very intelligent and articulate group of people. Here are some of the characters we met:

SHIRLEY

Shirley greeted me in a green printed sari, flip-flops, shiny dangling earrings and a carefully coiffed blonde wig. Her bright eyes and pleasant smile were conducive to a relaxed rapport in which she offered an answer to anything I asked.

TRASHETTE: How did you start wearing women's clothing?

SHIRLEY: Well, very young, actually. Mine is the classic story. I started out at seven or eight trying on my mother's or sister's clothing. I found I derived great sexual excitement from this. I continued wearing articles of women's clothing until I went into the Marine Corps. During that time, and afterward, when I was married, I repressed it.

TRASHETTE: How did you choose your persona - your name?

SHIRLEY: Because I said to myself: "Surely" I will get busted for this someday. I chose clothes I like, that are comfortable and attractive.

TRASH: Where do you go when you dress?

SHIRLEY: Mostly gay bars. I've found gay people are the most accepting. Also, I belong to a couple clubs for cross-dressers. I go to hotel bars sometimes, because most of the employees are gay.

TRASH: Do you go out with men or women?

SHIRLEY: Many people have the misconception that we're gay. Most of us are straight with families and all. Some even brought their wives. I was married for a while, but I'm divorced now. Want a see a picture of my kids? (She reaches into a patent leather handbag for her wallet. Her hands are beautifully shaped and manicured. Her children are bright-eyed and cute.)

I'm bisexual, though. I've slept with a few men. But I really do prefer women.

TRASH: When you make love with a woman, do you dress as a woman?

SHIRLEY: I like to think we're just like lesbians.

TRASH: Have you ever had any problems, like harassment, for cross-dressing?

SHIRLEY: No, not too much. You see, I'm a responsible citizen. I've never committed a crime. When I found I couldn't repress my cross-dressing any longer, I called the police to find out what my rights were. They said dressing in women's clothes was no crime, unless you held-up a bank while you were dressed. But it's not a crime itself.

TRASH: What do you do for a living?

SHIRLEY: I'm a college professor.

TRASH: If you could choose either sex, would you be a man or a woman?

SHIRLEY: Well, that's a hard question. I'm not like a transsexual, which is a man who feels trapped in a woman's body. I like the feeling of dressing like a woman, acting like a woman, being treated well. But I like the financial and economic independence

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I have as a man. I'm for equal pay for equal work, but it's a man's world, so I guess I don't want to give up the financial part. I have the best of both worlds. Would you like to see my bathing suit?

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SABRA

She was a little on the defensive when I first started to interview her. I think she was tired of foolish questioning and curiosity seekers, so she asked me a few questions before she offered to answer any of mine. She is very tall, and wore a low-cut purple dress with very high heels and a towering blonde wig, modelled after Jayne Mansfield. She carried herself very confidently and was very aggressive. She had a Southern accent.

TRASH: What do you do for a living?

SABRA: I'm married and I have two sons, almost grown. My wife knows, butshe doesn't want to. So I keep this part of my life completely separate. I keep my women's clothing in a locker in a warehouse. I have $10,000 worth. There was a fire recently in one of the lockers next to mine, but fortunately, all I got was some smoke damage. That was pretty awful though.

TRASH: How did you get your name?

SABRA: After a bush that grows in Israel that no matter what, keeps coming back. Also a native-born Israeli is a Sabra. And you know how after all the Jews have been through, they just keep coming back.

TRASH: Do you ever sleep with men?

SABRA: Yes. I like to dominate them. Are you familiar with S&M?

TRASH: Ah-yeah, a little.

SABRA: Well, I like to be treated right. I have a leash that I attach to my date before we go to dinner. If he isn't attentive to every little thing - my drink, my cigarette - before I even need it, I give a little jerk on that leash. It works every time. I demand a token of submission when my date arrives - such as eyelashes from Fredericks of Hollywood or some sexy panties. One date was real considerate, and brought me my favorite perfume, Tabu.

You know, I had a friend named Dusty. She had a business in Atlanta of manufacturing something like RUSH (amyl nitrate). She also had a line of shoes with great six-inch heels like this. They just found Dusty dead this past winter. She was found hanging - but it wasn't suicide. A form of sexual activity, you know. It's too bad. She was a wonderful person.

TRASH: If you could choose whether you could be a man or a woman, what would you be?

SABRA: A woman. Because men can't cry, can't emote. Women can. When I dress like this, I feel like I can express my emotions. It is a release. Many of the cross-dressers are very powerful men. They are lawyers, or judges, or police chiefs, or high-powered executives. The higher they are, the more they yearn for to escape. Dressing in women's clothing provides that escape. I consider myself to be a transsexual. I'm going to get the operation when my boys are grown and independent. Then I'll divorce my wife. It costs about $10,000 for a sex-change operation. They do about two a month at this clinic in Denver. If you had the choice, what would you be?

TRASH: a woman. I think it must be awful to have to put on a macho act all the time. What a strain. I enjoy wearing both men's and women's clothing.

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MARILYN

Marilyn liked Henny and me right away, and as a result was very easy to talk to. She has a soft face, sweet mannerisms and a certain vulnerability. She asked us to walk her down the street for protection - and both of us felt protective of her, although she is over six feet tall. She wore soft cotton frills, high heels and a large platinum wig. Her make-up was well done, modern and theatrical with stripes of blue and pink. She did not speak much, so it was impossible to carry on an "interview" with her. But between Henny and I we did glean some facts.

She had just returned from a recent trip to london where she had gone in full 'drag.' She had had a great time and thought people were very nice and supportive. She chose her persona because she had always admired

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Marilyn Monroe and Joan Collins. She idolizes beautiful women, covering the walls of her home with posters of movie starlets. She used to be married but her wife couldn't handle it. She said she would like to meet a beautiful woman who could accept her and have a relationship. She does not like gay men and says they don't like her. She is bisexual and loves to be treated as a stereotypical woman. She does believe in equal rights for women, but loves doors opened for her.

The only generalization I can make about this group of transvestites is that they were all different. Some were flamboyant and publicity seekers, others quiet and retiring, preferring to indulge in their fetish peacefully and tastefully, without being 'read' by those on the street. Some are into weekend dressing, others wear the same clothes when a a man as when a woman, considering themselves to be androgynous. Most of them come from very traditional male roles, serving stints in the armed services, getting married and having high-placed jobs. Some of them have integrated their female side into their personality, while others refer to 'her' and 'him', preferring to separate themselves into two distinct parts, personified by the traditional clothing of that sex.

After spending the afternoon with these cross-dressers, I felt I was the confused one. I had to admire their strength and courage while at the same time, something deep insides me revolted against them. They put on women's clothes, demanded men put them on a pedestal, and thought that made them women. It reminded me of Shakespearean theatre where all the women's parts were played by men, rather than women. I felt they are still feeding into the misconception of the male-dominated society, not really liberating themselves. At the same time, I felt attracted to them as fellow outcasts and as good people. They like the Boy George phenomena, and we all agreed that it is high time people started wearing what they like and enjoying all the sides that make a person what he or she is. Henny and I asked them why they exaggerated women's dress and seemed to take the negative aspects of traditional women's roles.

They all felt that men were boring, that there was a lot more imagination in women's clothing and make-up. The agreed they were much more flamboyant than their wives and daughters. Besides, they said it is sexually exciting. How could I argue with any of that?

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GENDER DYSPHORIA - A MENTAL ILLNESS?

by Susan C. Huxford

It should be recognized that symposia are held in order to discuss problems inherent in dealing with the topics that are the subject matters of the symposia. They are also held to report on new developments, experiments and discoveries in the fields of interest.

The 8th International Symposium on Gender Dysphoria, held in Bordeaux, France, was sponsored jointly by the University of Bordeaux and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc. (HBIGDA). It was inevitable that controversial topics would be discussed.

In the last issue I touched upon the question of sex reassignment surgery (SRS). It is inevitable that those of us who consider ourselves to be "transsexual" feel very strongly on this topic. We all too often see SRS as the only solution to our condition and therefore we feel most uncomfortable -- in fact, depressed -- when someone comes along and says it is experimental. Yet we must strive to be realistic: SRS does not always work. FACT is aware of persons who admit that they have not made a good adjustment, even though they have had SRS. Many M-to-F transsexuals have experienced complications after their operation and have had to return for corrective surgery. Every F-to-M transsexual should be aware of the hazard involved in phalloplasty and should understand that no surgeon, however much of a wizard he may be, has yet managed to create a satisfactory, fully functional penis. To dream otherwise is to be lost in a fantasyland of one's own making. Nobody likes to be told that s/he is "nuts", yet every self-styled "transsexual" either has experienced the fear that someone will say that s/he is "nuts", or has actually been told so. The fact is that our society still acts as if those who suffer from a mental illness are "crazy". The evidence is obvious to anyone who has suffered a nervous breakdown and those who work in the social services know how difficult it is to locate a new half-way house for ex-psychiatric patients. Most people will agree that half-way houses are necessary, "but not in my neighborhood".

Thus, when somebody comes along and suggests that "transsexuals" suffer from a mental disease, we are immediately up in arms. This suggestion is a direct attack on our self-esteem -- upon our self image -- and we feel threatened when such a suggestion is made. We therefore take shelter in such excuses as "there's something wrong with my genes", "I've got a hormone imbalance" or "I've got ovaries inside me" (or "I'm going to grow a penis"). We know how we feel, but we are threatened when some "shrink" comes along and puts a label on it. That, it seems to me, is why so many people who consider themselves to be "transsexual" will not go near a gender identity clinic.

Any clinician worth his or her salt knows that not everyone who appears before him/her claiming to be "transsexual" is, in fact, transsexual. Every one of those patients, however, is, to a greater or lesser degree, dissatisfied with his/her gender role. S/he may express this by saying "I feel like a woman trapped in a man's body" (or vice versa, for the female "transsexual"). For this reason, Dr. Norman Fisk coined the name gender dysphoria, which is the term I prefer to use. However much certain post-operative people dislike it and want to argue semantics, I will use the term transsexual for the post-operative, whose gender dysphoria should have been relieved, if not actually "cured", by SRS.

It should not be surprising, therefore, when somebody asks, at an important international conference, "Is gender dysphoria a mental illness?"

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Our readers should understand that the answer to that question is not known. Just as there are those among our readers who do not agree with everything that Susan Huxford writes, there is a disagreement over the causes and treatment of gender dysphoria syndrome among the clinicians and researchers who are working in the field.

The battle that is giving rise to the strongest feelings concerning the treatment of GD syndrome is that which has surfaced between the psychoanalytical school of psychology/psychiatry and those who subscribe to other theories or systems of psychology. The former is firmly founded upon the pioneer work of Sigmund Freud; the latter follows schools of psychology that have largely turned their backs on "the father of modern psychology". This was apparent in Bordeaux. Attendance at both the 7th and 8th Symposia on GD has shown me that there is an undercurrent of distrust and apprehension, if not actual fear, of the psychoanalytic school. this fear seems to be that the theories and publications of the psychoanalysts will put an end to SRS. As I see it, this is not their aim. What they are saying is that greater care should be taken before SRS is recommended. There is no point in approving SRS if the patient is still faced with as many problems of adjustment after surgery as s/he had before. Those of us who suffer from gender dysphoria must learn to be realistic: there will be no magical change in our life-styles after surgery. Life goes on. We still have to make a living, keep a roof over our heads and relate to our fellow humans.

The advocates of a psychoanalytical approach to the treatment of gender dysphoria seem to be led today by the Case Western Reserve University's Gender Identity Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Two of the specialists in this team presented papers in Bordeaux. A third was busy putting finishing touches to a book.

What is psychoanalysis? Very briefly, it is a system, of psychology that believes that many, if not most, forms of mental illness can be cured by analyzing the problems and peculiarities of a patient's personality and then "putting them right". Who decides what is "right" and what is "wrong"? The psychoanalyst, of course! It is recognized that such a "cure" can be a very long process. It is also very expensive, with no guarantee that it will have lasting effects in the long run. Most GD patients, therefore, try to avoid it like poison.

Dr. Stephen B. Levine, a psychiatrist, presented a paper in Bordeaux entitled 'Psychiatric Diagnosis Among Gender Patients: The Value of Perceiving Gender Dysphoria as a Form of Mental Illness'. he upset a number of professionals in the audience because he gave the impression that he is not in favour of SRS. In fact, he stated that it may be necessary in a small number of cases. During his presentation he said that the CWRU clinic give their patients such a tough time that only a quarter of those who started in the programme remained in it after the first six months. This seems a rather cavalier way of dealing with patients who come to a clinic for help. What happens to the three-quarters who dropped out? CWRU doesn't seem to care. The really important question was never asked after Dr. Levine's presentation, so I spoke to him quietly when he had finished. I wished to know what fraction of those who remained in the programme after the first six months were eventually recommended for surgery. Dr. Levine responded immediately: a quarter of those who persevered did obtain SRS.

Dr. Aaron Billowitz, also a member of CWRU's team, presented an interesting case of a self-styled "transsexual" who definitely suffered from schizophrenia. This case, particularly, demonstrated the need for psychotherapy before any rash decision were made for SRS.

In our last issue of Gender Review, Rupert Raj reviewed Dr. Lothstein's book 'Female-to-Male Transsexualism'. Dr. Lothstein is a psychologist with the CWRU's team and was not present in Bordeaux. However, both Dr. Levine and Dr. Billowitz in their presentations showed agreement with Dr. Lothstein's major precept: that the initial treatment of choice should always be psychotherapy.

On the first day of the Bordeaux conference Dr. Ira B. Pauly, then

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Secretary-Treasurer of HBIGDA, made an appeal for a more charitable attitude among the professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria. In expressing regret for the polarization which has occurred, he reminded his audience that, given the present state of research into gender dysphoria syndrome, there is "very little room for dogmatism."

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TRUE STORY

ALL MALE REVIEW AT THE EL CHAPARRAL

By
Shirley K. Knight

One of the latest fads in our area (Colorado) is nightclubs having all male reviews FOR WOMEN ONLY. In the past men have always had their strip shows, but only recently have women been able to do their own thing.

Many of my women friends get together and go to these reviews regularly. They like going and tell me how wild the other women act. A male friend of mine bartended one night during one of these shows. He is a Vietnam veteran and has been around the world, but he was amazed at how totally wild the women were.

Being a good transvestite, I was intrigued by the possibility of going to one of these shows. As Shirley, I thrive on doing new things. Men can not go to them, but I could dress as a woman and see one of these shows first hand.

The next show was on a Tuesday night, and I decided to go. I didn't know if I would be able to get in the door, and, if I did, who would be there. I might run into some of the women that I work with. They don't know about Shirley and that would be embarrassing. Would the women there, realizing that I was a man dressed as a woman, angrily attack me for invading their private domain? I just didn't know what to expect.

Shirley Knight (CO-0493)

The next problem was how do you dress for such a mission. I wanted to be able to blend in with the other women; however, being a typical 'woman', I thrive on dressing well and on being noticed. I selected my best, ivory-colored blouse with a very lacy yoke and collar. With it, I wore a three-tiered, lace trimmed, pink skirt with little blue flowers. This was my most feminine outfit.

I carefully dressed and drove alone to the El Chaparral nightclub

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which is located at the top of two flights of stairs. It was a real challenge to walk up these stairs in high heels, trying to look graceful. I was apprehensive as I approached the entrance, but getting in proved to be no problem.

As I walked in, I was greeted by choruses of "Hi Shirley!" It surprised me that I knew at least half of the women there. My hairdresser, a college student of mine, and all the women from the Pirates' Den (my usual hang out) were there.

I sat with Virginia, with whom I had danced two nights before at the Golden Saddle, our local western bar. As Larry, I had been dressed in jeans, a cowboy shirt, and boots - my macho best. Now I sat beside her, wearing high heels and hose - my feminine best. The irony of the situation seemed funny.

The show started. The lights were turned down and the disco music turned up. Bill, the owner, welcomed the women to the club, sang a love song, and announced the first stripper. He walked onto the stage through a large valentine, disrobed, and descended the stairs into the audience. The women went wild.

He danced over to three women seated at the table in front of us. They skillfully inserted folded money in the front of his G-string as he danced by. Even Peggy, my hairdresser, was very attentive as he approached her. She, too, tipped the dancer, obviously enjoying his attention. Returning to the first three ladies, he pulled one up to the dance floor. When he rubbed his nearly nude body against her, I thought that she was going to have an orgasm right there. He was good.

I started to worry. I was sitting right next to the dance floor. What would I do if one of the dancers approached me? I was sure that I couldn't handle the situation as well as the other women had. One of the dancers did dance over to me. Not to be out of place, I too, tipped him by discretely inserting a bill in the side of his G-string. I changed seats with Virginia so that I would not be faced with that problem again.

The other six dancers were all good. The women encouraged and, in some cases, helped the dancers disrobe. Each had a novel G-string, but the women appeared to be more interested in the stuffings, rather than the costumes.

Being heterosexual, I was surprised that I got aroused. I think that the almost electrifying excitement of the women affected me. I rubbed Virginia's back and teased her that I had 'lesbian tendencies'. Shirley likes women.

After the second show was over, Bill thanked all of us women for coming. "The review next Tuesday night is to be even bigger and better. Invite all your women friends and come again." The shows certainly were exciting, and women do know how to have fun.

Let's, you and me, both go to the show next Tuesday. They have a strict dress code, so you will have to 'dress' to get in.

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NEWS ITEM: WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE GRIND TO THE LAST UNISEX

The legal fraternity here is absolutely atwitter over what many believe to be a milestone case in jurisprudence. Milestone or not, the case of the Crown versus Rupe and de Winter is certainly a conversation piece.

It seemed to be a run-of-the-mill case of procuring a woman for immoral purposes. the fact that the 'woman' turned out to be a man added a new dimension. And the further fact that the man had become a woman by virtue of surgery boggled legal minds even more.

It seems that a flamboyant Wellington nightclub owner and reputed homosexual, 'Carmen' Rupe - legal name, Trevor David Rupe - who runs the busiest strip and drag joint, fell for the oldest trick in the book.

Carmen promoted illicit liaison between one Carole de Winter and an undercover vice squad member. No sooner had the cash changed hands than, flash, out comes the badge and Rupe and de Winter trundle off to jail.

All pretty routine police stuff until the records revealed that 'Carole de Winter' was in fact Phillip Martin Russell, a transvestite entertainer. Russell had made the switch to womanhood through a sex-change operation in which organs are altered and the hormone system restructured. Instantly the legal ramifications began to stack up. You can't lay changes of procuring a woman for illicit relations when the procuree turns out to be a man.

On the other hand, prostitution was surely against the law and the Crown's case was air-tight. Rupe and de Winter were clearly guilty as sin.

There was yet another complication: Homosexual acts are also illegal here, but how does one determine who's what in a case like this?

It would normally have been disposed of summarily in a lower court but, due to the curious circumstances, proceedings were elevated to a jury trial before the New Zealand Supreme Court, Chief Justice Sir Richard Wild presiding.

Sir Richard was called upon to make a decision worthy of a Solomon. He made it by splitting the difference.

Two charges were filed against the defendants: one on the assumption that de Winter was male, the other that he (or she) was female.

Most judicial experts hereabouts agree that the Carmen case was the first in history in which a jury was called upon to determine the sex of a defendant.

In short, the burden of proof fell upon the prosecutor. His job - first prove that Carole de Winter was male in which case he would not be guilty as charged; second, convince the jury that the defendant was a female in which case she could be convicted for prostitution.

From the outset, the jury's final verdict was never in doubt but the

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questions of who's he and who's she consumed three days of legal wrangling and expert testimony.

Carole de Winter's chromosome sex as determined by a pathologist was male. Nevertheless, Carole's sociological and psychological sex was female. The quandary seemed insurmountable ... except perhaps to Carmen and Phillip and Trevor and Carole, who knew the answers all along.

In the end and after four hours' deliberation, the jury struck a blow for the unisex movement. Phillip Martin Russell, male, 30, was convicted as Carole de Winter, female, 30, and ordered by Sir Richard to pay a $400 fine. Carmen (Trevor David) rupe - whose sex was never on trial - is paying off a $750 fine for bringing the unhappy couple together in the first place.

Chief Justice Wild's observation: "You have been convicted," he said, "of an offense said to be the most ancient trade ... but it is still against the law."

NEWS ITEM: ST. PAUL, MN

'HIS' ABILITY
GOT 'HER' A JOB

Susan Kimberly has returned to work at St. Paul, MN, City Hall. The last time she was there was as City council President Robert Sylvester.

Kimberly, 42, best know in St. Paul for her sex change operation two years ago, was formerly recognized for a keen financial mind during four years on the City Council.

Recalling his ability, council members voted unanimously to give her a $20,000, nine-month consulting contract to update the city's bonding and financing practices.

"I couldn't have gotten this contract without his qualifications," she said, adding that it was time to 'reincorporate the fact that I am both Susan Kimberly and Robert Sylvester."

Will she run for political office again? "I don't think that we're ready for that, yet," she said.

NEWS ITEM: SULLIVAN, MAINE

A MAINE JURY WILL DETERMINE
IF HE/SHE
IS GUILTY OF MURDER

Amelia Cave came here four years ago to escape urbanized Long Island, to live for the first time without her mother, to live in a dream house on a bluff overlooking Taunton Bay. The dream didn't work out. Last October, police found the body of the 59-year-old woman buried by the bay, wrapped in a green trash bag, hands and feet bound with twine, a bag of birdseed stuffed down her throat.

That was the first shock. a month later, police arrested a suspect who was wearing high heels and makeup and gave the name of Samantha, a person most people knew as a recluse who lived in a mobile home along a busy highway. With the arrest, the secret that Samantha had tried so hard to hide was out: She was a man named Glen Robert Askeborn, a onetime convicted bank robber in New York City who was in the midst of a sex change.

As far as Sheriff William Clark was concerned, Samantha was a man. The sheriff marked the 'male' box on the booking form and sent Askeborn to an all-male prison. "She has all the necessary male parts," he said. "Biologically, she is a male."

Two weeks ago, a judge agreed - sort of. Askeborn should remain in the all-male jail, Judge Donald Alexander of Superior Court ruled, but should be treated as a transsexual and could

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BEFORE: As Robert Sylvester, former City Council president

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AFTER: Now Susan Kimberly and rehired at St. Paul City Hall

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receive hormones at state expense. State officials, who called the ruling unprecedented, said Askeborn, before his arrest, had discontinued the hormones because he could not afford them or obtain a prescription for them.

It is up to a jury to decide the outcome of the murder trial, scheduled this month, and if Askeborn is convicted, it may be up to another judge to decide whether he may have the $4000 sex-change operation and whether the state must pay for it. But what has emerged from interviews with friends and acquaintances of Cave and her alleged killer are portraits of two people who tried to leave behind lives begun in the urban Northeast and start again on Taunton Bay.

Askeborn, who is 6 feet tall, weighs 190 and speaks with a high-pitched feminine voice, talked publicly about his arrest for the first time last week. he said he is innocent. "The police thought I was a TV - a transvestite - and thought I would be an easy patsy for the murder, and so they stopped looking and arrested me," he said in a telephone interview.

The victim's past

Amelia Cave, Amy to her friends, grew up in Hempstead, Long Island. One of eight children, Cave saw her duty as living at home and taking care of her sickly mother. She never married and she held only one job in her adult life, working in the accounting section of the local school district.

When her mother died, Cave put her longtime plan into action. She had saved money and invested it, and she searched the country for the perfect retirement spot, according to her nephew, Richard Cave of Long Island.

Amelia Cave found that spot four years ago in this town 45 minutes north of Bar Harbor. She built a two-story house off an isolated dirt road on a 60-foot high bluff that overlooks Taunton Bay. Many thought the woman from the city had the nicest place in town.

"She was a very meticulous woman," said Iva Patten, on of Cave's closest friends here. "She wanted the best of everything, the best rug, the best curtains, the best driveway. She was a wonderful, friendly person."

But after two years, and two particularly difficult winters, friends said, Cave was lonely. "She had lived all her life with her large family and had never lived alone," said neighbor Mary Welsh. "She built her beautiful home, but she was disillusioned about it. She used to say, 'Nobody's friendly,' but people work a lot here and didn't have the time to visit."

When a building contractor told Cave in 1983 that another family from Long Island lived nearby, Cave said she would like to meet them. a member of the family was Askeborn, whom Cave knew only as a woman named Samantha Glenner.

Suspect's past obscure

The early life of Glen Robert Askeborn is difficult to trace because, as his attorney Sandra Collier put it, "when she became a transsexual she destroyed her earlier life."

According to court records, Askeborn lived as a man until three years ago. In the phone interview, Askeborn said he was married three times and had one child. "But that is a different life and I can't tell you anything about it," he said.

Askeborn served four years in the US Navy and in 1968 received an 'undesirable discharge', Askeborn is quoted in court records as telling police. In 1972, Askeborn was convicted of bank robbery in New York City and served two years in a federal prison in Lewisburg, PA., according to a prison spokesman.

From 1974 to 1982, Askeborn lived in California and Connecticut, occasionally visiting his parents here, where some people knew him as a scuba diver and by the nickname Skip.

Two years ago, Askeborn reappeared in Sullivan - this time as Samantha Glenner and wearing what one neighbor described as "a beautiful, out-of-this-world make-up job."

After his arrest last fall, Askeborn told police contradictory stories about his past. He told three stories about his parents, once saying they were dead. Then he admitted his parents are the couple he had called his uncle and aunt. His father Wesley and his mother Glenn Askeborn own the

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mobile home in which Askeborn lived. They live next door.

By Askeborn's own account, one of his few acquaintances during this period was Amelia Cave. The two got together occasionally, and she once loaned him $400.

Last October, Askeborn reportedly told police, Cave agreed to loan him $2700 so he could start a scalloping business. On Oct. 9, he deposited a $2700 check in the Key Bank of Ellsworth.

The next day, Cave was reported missing.

Two days later, a bank teller who had heard of the disappearance told police about the $2700 check. Bank officials examined the check and pronounced a forgery. Meanwhile, police who were searching the shores of Taunton Bay found a body. It was on property owned by Askeborn's parents. The body was Amelia Cave's.

Police brought in Askeborn for questioning. askeborn was dressed as a woman and called himself Samantha. Saying he did not need a lawyer present, he talked for more than an hour. He acknowledged that Cave had visited him just before her disappearance, and he said he knew police believed he was the last person to see Cave alive. He said he filled in the $2700 figure on the check, but denied forging Cave's signature.

Throughout the police questioning Askeborn Explained why he had stayed to himself in his mobile home for more than two years, and why he lied about who his parents were. It was because he didn't want anyone to know he was a man.

That was a secret, he said, between him and his parents. Three weeks later, Askeborn was arrested for murder. The secret was out.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING DREAM '85

By this time it had been our intention to provide a formal announcement regarding DREAM '85 for this coming fall. Unfortunately, we must delay that. We are experiencing a 'technical problem' which must be overcome before proceeding with our plans.

Assuming we resolve the problem, you can mark down on your calendars the dates of Saturday, September 28, to Saturday, October 5, as the week for DREAM '85. This is a week or so later than usual, but we hope you'll have it free for the Oregon Coast!

So, please bear with us for this short period. Be assured we will do all we can to make your DREAM a reality.

Marilyn & Carolyn
for DREAM

NEWS ITEM: ST. PETERSBURG, FL

MUGGER PICKS ON THE WRONG 'LADY'

A purse snatcher got the surprise of his life when the "ladies" he attacked on the street turned out to be transvestites - burly men dressed up like women.

The gussied-up guys cornered the hood, battled him with their fists and chunks of concrete and then kept him around until police finally showed.

The fracas began when two thugs tried to steal Michael 'Leslie' Williams' purse in a St. Petersburg, Fla., street.

The 6-foot Williams wrestled free of the two muggers and ran, still clinging to his purse.

One robber dropped out of the chase but the second took off after Williams. Before long, Williams came across two dress-wearing pals and they nabbed the mugger.

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REFERENCES

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The organizations and individuals serving as information distribution centers are responsible for being familiar with the various services and organizations available in their given area. This information is to be distributed in accordance with the needs of the inquirer and not the private orientation of the organization or individual. (**** Please note that not all organizations listed in the Service or Social listings are willing or able to serve as general information distribution centers.)

Northeast

TIFFANY CLUB Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE Information distribution throughout New England. The Outreach Institute, Kenmore Sta. Box 368, Boston MA 02215 617-277-3454

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Information distribution for New England, specializing in transsexualism. The XX Club, Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE Information distribution for the New York City Area. B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

CHERYL COSTA Information distribution for central and western New york. Cheryl Ann Costa, Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760

L. FRANK Information distribution for Greater New York Metropolitan area. L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772

Mid Atlantic, South

PHI CHAPTER Information distribution for Mid-Atlantic area (New Jersy to North Carolina). c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711

Midwest, South Central

PARADISE CLUB Information distribution for Upper Mid-West (Western New York to Illinois) Paradise Club, Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Information distribution Michigan/Ohio area. Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

MS SHARON RENEE HART Information distribution for Chicago area. Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 312-472-4518

MS MALINDA ANDERSON Information distribution for Wisconsin/Minnisota area. c/o R. Peterson, Box 524, Lake Mills WI 53551

Southwest Northwest

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Information distribution for Southern California area. Renaissance, Box 11341, Santa Ana, CA 92711 714-836-1803

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Information distribution for Northern California area. GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-678-0609

NORTHWEST CHAPTER Information distribution for Oregon/Washington area. Northwest Chapter, Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

Canada

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Information distribution throughout Canada. FACT, Box 291 Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) Information Distribution for the Montreal Canada area. TAM, Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G 2N1 514-352-7481

FORIEGN

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Information distribution for Australia. The Seahorse Club of Australia, Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia

TRANS-CCL Information distribution throughout Europe. Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du christ Liberateur, Minoites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris, France (1) 627-4936

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

New England

TIFFANY CLUB Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 600, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, overnight accomodations, a hostelry for qualified travelers, and residence for persons in transition), and a balanced program of social and educational activities. Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support group for wives, and provides a hotline for information distribution, and referrals.

Security: If a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whose purposes and objectives are educational. Outreach works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network). seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes both male and female), and a book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of books and reprints is available for $3.00).

Security: Outreach's programs are strictly non-sexual and sophisticated. All participants at any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

Nature: Halcyon is a friendship and support group for persons from the Rhode Island area interested in 'tasteful' crossdressing. Although affiliated with Tiffany Club, we are basically a 'neighborhood' group and work accordingly.

Services: Halcyon provides informal get-togethers twice a month allowing people a chance to meet with friends who understand the needs of people inclined to crossdress. Periodic newsletter, membership rumpus room and whatever activities planned by the membership at large.

Security: Only written inquiries are accepted. Once received and evaluated a standard information package is sent out along with an arranged meeting with someone already in membership. If the person making the inquiry appears to fit our standards, he/she is invited to attend a Society function. If the person's actions and deeds are consistent, the person is invited by the entire membership to join our ranks. Common sense prevails.

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (information: George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings each month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educational and medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 203-288-1166

Nature: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Private home on dead end street, parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members may store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months

containing club dates, past parties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accomodations for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmetologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Treat all ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter. With respect!!

(*** At the time of publishing this issue, Harriet Lane's has sold their house and is in the process of re-locating. Their activities have been temporarily suspended.)

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER GGA: Box 744, Branford, CT, 06405 Wendy J. Gwynne, Director

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND 45 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (open to heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming local chapters in the New England area:

New Hampshire: Ann Marie NH 1285 B
Hartford: Alice CT 1545 Z

Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

New York

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Fem Fashions, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019 (212) 582-6823 Muriel Olive, Director

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB contact: Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736

Nature: Monthly dinner parties in a non-sexual atmosphere. A social gathering for crossdressers, transsexuals, their relatives & friends.

Services: Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Bring your own bottle. A $10 charge includes a hot meal. Limited space available for dressing. Reservations necessary, so enough food for all is available.

Security: A phone call to Kay will usually suffice. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated. All guests are expected to conduct themselves as ladies & gentlemen.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (SIECUS) SIECUS, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexually related issues, including gender expression.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties, but both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsors frequent parties and debutante balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56,Tappan NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY and Hartsdale NY

Nature: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offeriang counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender proablems. Private therapy sessions are held witha Garrett Oppenheim PhD FIC, thedirector, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1 1/2 hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

TV ENTERTAINERS c/o Alice Hess, PO Box 666, Albany NY 12201 518-463-7774 (ask for Wilma)

Nature: Non-sexual group offer g friendship and support

BUTTERFLY Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760 Cheryl Anne C. Director

Nature: The Butterfly group is a non-profit, non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in cross-dressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends.

Services: We have social get-togethers, and a small network of professional and para-professionals, social workers, medical practitioners, beauty consultants, and clothing retailers who are interested and very helpful to us.

Security: Butterfly has no major security requirements, but we do require persons desiring to attend our meetings to be screened by our membership chairperson or other appointed member, or have a letter of

introduction from a qualified person to ensure understanding and compliance with our code of conduct.

EON, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031
Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual, social/educational.

TRANSVESTITE/TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: J. Storm, Box 302, Buffalo, NY 14205
Nature: No additional information is available at this time.

New Jersey, Pennsylvania

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Ms Lynda Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.
Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence for over three years.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY Ms Lynda Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Nature: Open membership, non-sexual
Services: Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in Northern NJ.
Security: Interview required.

SUE HALL ENTERPRISES Box 74, Changewater, NJ 07831
Nature: For TV Swingers.
Services: Sue Hall publishes 'The Mini-Skirt News' (a newsletter for TV Swingers with a readership in excess of 1700), has in-house parties every Monday, and has a commercial boutique.
Security: No particular security requirements, but dangerous or irresponsible people are not welcome.

PHI CHAPTER (GGA), c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

TRANSPITT, Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15211 Johnnie D. Director
Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.
Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each odd numbered month. Referrals.
Security: Meeting with Club officer.

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming chapters in the NJ PA area:
Philadelphia PA Melanie PA 1401 O
Pittsburgh PA Marcia PA 1394 F
Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Mid Atlantic, Southeast

JANUS/DC: c/o Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011
Nature: Transsexual support

ACADEMY AWARDS c/o B.A. Lind, Box 11254 Lincolnia Station, Alexandria, VA 22312
Nature: Drag-Gay, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER: c/o N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

DELTA CHI CHAPTER: Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria, VA 22312
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

ADELPHI CHAPTER, GGA: P. Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall, VA 22115
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Gender Dysphoric Association, PO Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033
Nature: Strictly a support group for male and female pre- and post-op transsexuals. No fees.
Services: Referrals, rap sessions, and programs designed for the needs of the transsexual.

THE ELITE TV CO.: c/o Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362

SERENITY: c/o Nikki Bee, PO Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming chapters in the Mid-Atlantic Southeast region:
Washington VA Jean VA 1472 D
Newport NC Diane NC 1596 M
Orlando FL Fritzie FL 1594 C; Stella FL 1701 L
Miami FL Nancy FL 1135 N
Mobil AL Donah AL 1577 H
Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Midwest, Southcentral

PARADISE CLUB Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129
Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximately 90 members with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.
Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsors a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc. Paradise also sponsors informal socials during the months between regular meetings.
Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings, with concurrence of officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

GENESIS, PO Box 954, Elyria, OH 44036
Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

CROSSROADS CHAPTER (President) c/o Crossroads Chapter, Box 1135, Pontiac, MI 48056-1135
(Newsletter) Grace Bacon, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.
Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great Lake area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.
Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): P.O. Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 Sharon Hart, President (312) 472-4518
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): c/o Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018
Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER (GGA): Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Windy City Chapter, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

WISCONSIN NETWORK The Network, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735 (3-9 p.m.)
Nature: The Newtork prefers to deal with people from a variety of life-styles (gay and bi- men and women, TVs, TSs, etc.) who are looking for long term relationships or help in developing relationships with others or with the family, friends, or other significant people in one's life.
Services: The Network includes a monthly newsletter, meetings monthly for gay men and women, bisexual men and women, and TVs and TSs. The Network also provides a monthly newsletter, social gatherings for special events, and a dating service.

PROGRAM IN HUMAN SEXUALITY 2630 University Ave, S.E, Minneapolis, , MN 55414 Dr. eli Coleman, Dir.
Services: Details not available at this time.

MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER TRI-ESS c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275
Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER TRI-ESS c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275
Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

GALVESTON PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES 2126 1/2 The Strand, Galveston, TX 77550 (713) 763-4522 Dr. Collier M. Cole
Services: Full range of psychotheraputic and medical services are provide, including hormone therapy and surgery. Counseling and/or referrals around legal issues, speech therapy and cosmetic concerns is also available.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER - GGA: Jaquiline Allen, c/o SAMC-GGA, Box 169672, San Antonio, Texas 78280-3272 Alice
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers) are interested in forming chapters in the Mid-west South-Central area:

Cincinatti OH Cathy OH 1561 R
Indianapolis IN Laura I
Indianapolis IN N 1203 W
Madison WI Mary WI 1490 Z
Kansas City MO 1269 D
Wichita KS Layla KS 1659 J
Dallas/Ft Worth TX Samantha TX 1435 W
Houston TX Oweena TX 1612 S

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Madison WI Mary WI 1490 Z
Kansas City MO 1269 D
Wichita KS Layla KS 1659 J
Dallas/Ft Worth TX Samantha TX 1435 W
Houston TX Oweena TX 1612 S

Intermountain, Southwest

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. 3715 32nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80211 (303) 458-5378
Nature: G.I.C. is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community including medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, etc. G.I.C. also provides a Speaker's Bureau, and a 24 hour Hot-Line.

COMMIT P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO. 80206 (303) 297-9585
Nature: Commit is a comunity-based, service-focused organization made up exclusively of transgendered persons.
Services: Commit provides current literature concerning dender dysphoria, transsexualism, transvestism, etc. Commit also

provides a sanctuary where one may explore his/her transgenderism without fear, non-professional and peer counseling, and information on medical, physchological and other professional services. Commit also provides a 24 hour hot-line.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84132 (801) 581-7951 Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD

Services: Details not available at this time.

SPECTRUM: P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix, AZ 85063

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 92375

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

*** The following member of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) is interested in forming a chapter in the Inter-mountain area:

Pocatello ID Lisa ID 1144 A

Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

California

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TRANSSEXUAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE (ACLU-TRC) ACLU-TRC, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (714)661-7332

Nature: Founded in May, 1980. Actively working to firmly establish your civil and human rights as a citizen.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803

Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.

Services: 'Renaissance Update' (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educational services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrals.

Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego, CA 92109

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

SAN DIEGO/OCEANSIDE CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 213-456-6511

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthy dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings), and sponsors educational programs for the public.

Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT Box 126, Northridge, CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, Dir.

Nature: Research in the TV-TS phenomena

ALPHA CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, TRI-ESS): c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: See 'Society For The Second Self'

SCYROS CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Nature: Tri Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S.

Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

SHANGRI-LA CLUB Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

Nature: Shangri-La is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers. Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.

Services: Shangri-La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events, a commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors two major events, the 5-day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), and June Shangri La (Southern California). Shangri-La has local chapters throughout the U.S.

Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

ERICKSON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION P.O. Box 532, Ojai, CA 93023

EEF is primarily an information resource, and publishes the 'EEF Newsletter'. Additional information is not available at this time.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94088

JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexual. A $25.00 donation is requested.

TS COUNSELING, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 387-6767 Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A. Director

Nature: TS Counseling is an organization operated by post-op transsexuals, who, as members of the health care profession offer peer counseling to end-stage, pre-op transsexuals - i.e., those persons approaching conversion surgery - and post-op transsexuals who may be having difficulty adjusting to their post-op situation.

Services: Peer counseling for TSs. Educational services to the public in general. Research into the field of transsexualism. Referrals to medical and psychiatric personnel.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-734-3773 after 6pm (PST)

Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.

Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meeting to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Box 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408) 734-3773 (after 6 PST)

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101

Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, TGs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intenede as a social and educational group, to meet and have a good time as well as help educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with approximately 165 members.

Services: ETVC publishes a bi-monthly newsletter ('The ETVC Newsletter'), provides a program of social and educational activities, and referrals.

Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to either list, except in response to judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento, CA 95838

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION (HBIGDA), 900 Welch Road #402, Stanford, CA 94304

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH, P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (415) 548-8283 Allanya Guenther, Executive Director

Nature: The Pacific Center is a private, non-profit agency funded by United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minority people of all races, ages, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and outreach into the community at large. Speaker's Bureau. Counseling. Group meetings. Hot line (415) 841-6224.

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual crossdressers only) are interested in forming chapters in California:

San Diego CA Susan CA 1035 T
San Francisco CA Jennifer CA 1543 J
Sacramento CA Chrysis CA 1064 R

Northwest

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (GGA) Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

EMERALD CITY Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103

Nature: Non-sexual (sister chapter of Northwest Chapter)

Services: Frequent social functions

Security: Requirements not available at this time.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER 4604 Stone Way N., Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 328-3546

Nature: A non-profit organization servint the transsexual/transvestite community.

Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Works closely with the Seattle Counseling Service.

NORTH AMERICAN TRANSVESTITE-TRANSSEXUAL TELEPHONE CONTACT SERVICE 801 E. Harrison St, Suite 706, Seattle, WA 98102 (206)624-8266 Executive Director Philip Salem

Nature: Then NA TV-TS Contact Service's primary function is to act as a direct dating service for TVs, TSs and admirers. The Service has over 6200 contacts nationwide.

Services: The Contact Service provides a 24 hour hotline for TVs, TSs and admirers throughout the country. It also provides information gratis on plastic surgery, electrolysis, and hormone therapy.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR SEXUAL MINORITIES 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 329-8707

Services: Counseling service, special group for TVs and TSs.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 926-1000
Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

*** The following member of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) is interested in forming a chapter in the Northwest:
Portland OR Patricia OR 1387 P
Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Canada

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G-2N1 514-352-7481
Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organizations with an open membership policy.
Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (The Garter Press), and has frequent social get-togethers.
Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

QUEBEC TRANSSEXUALS AID, INC. (A.T.Q. INC.): Viviane Audrey, Box 385, Mont-Royal, Quebec, Canada H3P-3C6 Nature: French speaking transsexual support.
Services: Meetings, medical referrals, etc.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W-1P4
Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).
Services: To provide research and information relevant to the lF-M TS, to raise funds for research, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, para-professional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884
Nature: FACT is a non-profit support organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends of transsexuals, professionals and para-professionals working in th field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.
Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Publishes 'Gender Review', a periodical news sheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representataives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings. Chapters include:

South Central Ontario, c/o Miss Robin Marie Schwartzentruber, P.O. Box 1842, Station 'C', Kitchener, Ontario, N3G-4R3 576-5248
Eastern Ontario, Ottawa Valley, c/o Miss Nicole Boivin, P.O. Box 523, Gatineau, Quebec, J8P-7A1
Niagara Peninsula, c/o Miss Susan Huxford, P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario, L8N-3C8 529-7884
Montreal & Quebec Province, c/o Ms Patricia G.S. Fisher, C.P. 293, Succ. Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec, H3S 2S6
FACT Toronto, c/o 519 Church St. Community Centre, 519 Church St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2C9
Toronto Chapter, (Members Only) Frankie Andresen, Secretary, PO Box97, Lefroy, Ontario L0L 1W0
Atlantic Region U.S.A., Ms Rachia Heyelman, PO Box 25, South Orleans, MA 02662
Pacific Region U.S.A., TS Counseling, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109
Western New York Region, Miss Robyn Bates, PO Box 314, Buffalo, NY 14223
Security: No screening for members or subscribers to 'Gender Review'. Meetings of FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagara meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884
Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.
Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education by articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and simulation exercises.

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Calgary CAN Dee FCAB 1703 B
Edmonton CAN Maureen FCAB 1584 F
Vancouver CAN Julia FCBC 1584 F

Foreign

BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England
Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bi-monthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations world-wide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

TV/TS GROUP: Yvonne Sinclair, The TV/TS Group, 274 Upper Street, Islington, London England N.1 01-359-4868 (8-10 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun.)

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual. Additional information not available at this time.

Services: Social activities, publishes 'The Glad Rag'.

SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS (SHAFT): 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5 9UX

Nature: Details are unavailable at this time.

FRIENDS MERSEYSIDE 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, England L1 4DE 051-708-0234

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP c/o SHRG 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh EH1 35A Scotland (031) 556-4049

TRANS-CCL Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRAS-CCL, 3 Bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France Tel.(1) 226.70.48 (Rev. Douce speaks English)

Nature: TRANS-CCL is a non-profit social organization for sexual minorities, non-political, with Christian foundation, but also open to people with other convictions. We have a large section for transsexuals and transvestite, probably the largest one in Europe (about 500 contacts). We can provide legal, medical, psychological, pastoral and surgical helf for transsexuals. We organize meetings, meals, etc... We have a large documentation on transsexuality. We can also provide all information available in Europe.

Services: A telephone help-line Mondays from 8p.m. to 10p.m. at (1) 627-4936. Meetings. Meals. Legal, medical, psychological and pastoral literature, and advisors.

FEMME TRAVESTIE 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

F.P.E. NORTHERN EUROPE: M.A. Postboks 192 DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (Do not put F.P.E. on envelope)

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant Trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney, 2000, Australia

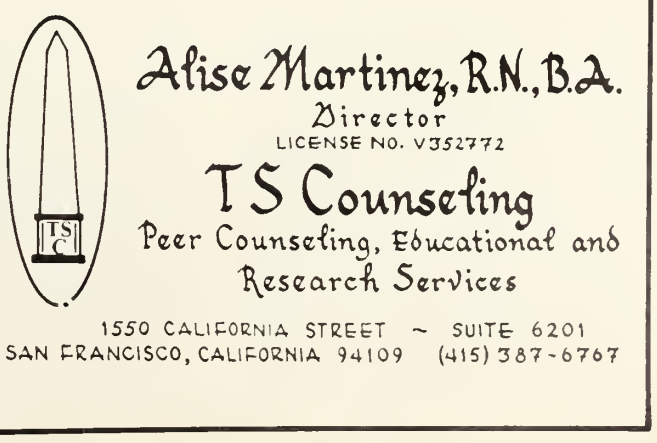
Nature: Seahorse Club is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. Membership of approximately 150, welcomes new members, overseas visitors and offers support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. Affiliated with the Beaumont Society of England.

services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, being femme bymeans of a monthly newsletter to members and publishes the magazine "Feminique" on a regular basis. Meetings are held in sydney on the last Friday of each month (except December, when the meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday). Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, etc.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of the meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members require screening in the same way and overseas visitors need to be either screened or have necessary accreditation from a similar organization (e.g. Beaumont Society, Tiffany's).

SEAHORSE VICTORIA: c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, 3001 Australia

Nature: See 'Seahorse Club'. The longest running TV organization in Australia.



PERSONAL LISTINGS

How to respond to a Personal Listing:

1.) If the address is given, write directly to that address.

2.) If the address is Name & Membership #, follow these directions exactly:

A.) Place your letter in a stamped envelope. (No unstamped mail will be forwarded).

B.) Pencil in the name and membership # of the person to whom the letter is meant. (i.e.'Merissa Lynn NH-0001). We need to be able to erase the identifying name and replace it with the forwarding name. Therefore, no letter with the identifying name in ink will be forwarded).

C.) Place that letter inside another envelope and mail to

"Tiffany Club,"
P.O. Box 19
Wayland, MA 01778.

Kelly Ann S. (WI-0527)

KELLY ANN S. (WI) 4/84

Member: Wisconsin TV Network

Tall, attractive TV, dark hair, green eyes, long legs. Owns 'Van James Photography'. Interests include photography, makeup, stand up comedy and community theatre.

"I am a professional portrait photographer specializing in feminine glamour. I love the sophisticated feminine look. All my efforts as a TV go into passing. I love nylons & heels. I'm seeking friendship and idea sharing with other TVs, TSs, & GGs.

Kelly Ann Schoonover, Box 811, Waukesha, WI 53187-0811

AUDREY M (Eastern MA) 8/84

Secretary, Mayflower Society

MWM bi-TV, 50, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6.

Neil Moses, Sec. Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134

SHARON MC. (Southeast MA) 12/84

Tiffany Club General Member

Participant, Fantasia Fair

WM TV, 30, 5'6", 140. Enjoys everything feminine.

"I'm shy but trying to be more open, especially with my cross-dressing. I'm a non-drinker. I'm looking for the help and support of the TV/TS Community to better understand myself, and would like to meet other TVs & TSs and women for shopping, travel, photos and fun."

Sharon Mc. (MA-0504)

KAREN V (Northern NJ) 7/84

Tiffany General Member

SWM hetero TV, 38, 5'8, 155, good personality and sense of humor. Adventouress. "A classical music nut, Ialso enjoy card & word games, karate (black belt),skiing, and gourmet food. I would like to meet women who share some of these interests and are open minded about the cross dressing scene.

Karen V (NJ-0347)

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (NH)

Executive Sectretary Tiffany Club, Managing Director Tapestry

SWM TV, 42, 6', 200, BA philosophy, athletically oriented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL (bridge) life master. A caring person, sincerely interested in the well-being of others.

Interests: Singing, bridge, skiing, the wilderness, the flowers, and listening to the birds sing. Also interested in philosophy.

"I'm sorry but I cannot respond to personal correspondence. However, I'm very interested in hearing from people who would like to become 'leaders', and are willing to put out some effort on behalf of the TV/TS Community. So, if you are a leader-type person and willing to put out some effort to help others, write to me, or better, give me a call."

Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

ALICE J. MILLARD (FL in winter, NY in summer) 1/85

Member Tri-Ess, Albany TVIC, Chi Delta Mu, Mid-Gulf Coast

Participant Fantasia Fair, Shangri-La

Awards: Miss Congeniality F/F

Mature, life-long active TV, pleasant with outgoing personality. Very sincere. Interested in meeting other friendly, sincere TVs for friendship and informal TV gatherings. Co-sponsors informal monthly TV parties from New Orleans to Panama City, FLA. during winter months. "Our group is a non-affiliation social group open to Mid-Gulf Coast TVs."

Alice J. Millard, Box 2355, Pensacola, FL 32513 (Nov - Apr), Box 264, Cooperstown, NY 13326 (May - Oct)

SHERRY LORRAINE (MA) 10/84

Tiffany Keyholder member

Participant: Tiffany's Spring Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing '83

WM, 38, red hair, blue eyes, 5'9 in heels, fair complexion and an easy going personality. Enjoys motorcycle touring, skiing, computers, walks along the ocean, and dancing. "I enjoy passing in public, making new friends, traveling, shopping and girl to girl chants on makeup, dress and mannerisms."

Sherry Lorraine, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

Merissa L. (NH-0001)

JENNIFER S (ME) 5/84

Participant: Fantasia Fair

MWM, 6'1", can wear size 16, dresses conservatively.

Interests: Music, and winter sports.

"I like to be as feminine as possible. I'm interested in possibly meeting other TVs in south central Maine for dressing and improving feminine image."

Jennifer S (ME-0021)

PAULA A. (NJ) 4/85

MWM closet TV (approx 35 yrs), 55, 5'9", 170, medium build, conservative in dress and manner. Non-smoker. Enjoys carpentry, photography, writing, shopping, and dining fully dressed.

Paula A (NJ-0534)

ROI A. (NJ) 5/84

Member: GGA

Black, 35, 6'5", 200. Interested in the outdoors, flowers, old cars, and becoming more feminine.

"I would very much like to meet friends, to be me, and live happily ever after."

Roi A. (NJ-0550)

BARBARA SHERWOOD (DE) 6/84

Member: GGA Phi Chapter, Tri Ess

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

DWM, 40's, tall & slender, good appearance. Have been told I have great legs! Enjoy high fashion, cooking, reading, travel.

"I love correspondence with other sisters, meetings when possible."

Barbara Sherwood, P.O. Box 315, Milford, DE 19963

JAIME R. (RI) 4/84

Member: Halcyon Society

TV (possibly TS), 5'10", 145, brown eyes and hair. Enjoys rock & roll and country music, gardening, and fishing.

"I would like to make friends with other TVs and TSs, and learn more about my femme side."

Jaime R. (RI-0300)

Holly C. (MA-0379)

HOLLY CROSS (MA) 7/84

Tiffany Keyholder member

Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend, Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend

SWM TV, 60, size 22 tall. Is a radio ham, and classical music buff. Enjoys cooking (not well), sewing, snorkeling, walking the dog, and chasing clothing markdowns. "I'm looking for friends to meet when I'm in Orange County CA. I'd also be glad to talk by phone."

Holly Cross, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

KATHRYN GREALY (SE MA) 7/84

MWM, 42, 5'9", 120, shy.

Enjoys embroidery and gardening. Would like to know how to sew & knit.

"I would like to meet a person on the South Shore (MA.) who can offer help & support in dress, make-up, & poise. I spend much time traveling the U.S.A.

Kathryn A. Grealy, Box 764, Bryantville, MA 02327

Dee Dee W. (CT-0002)

DEE DEE W (Hartford CT) 3/85

I'd like the girls at Tiffany
Who like to write,
To write to me.
A photograph, a kindly note
Will make me say,
"I'm glad she wrote."
Dee Dee W (CT-0002)

TRACY ANN WOOLDRIDGE (IL) 4/84

Member: Windy City Chapter GGA

Participant: Tiffany's Holiday Outing

Ex-professional impersonator (a little bit crazy), 5'7", 165, great legs! Enjoys dancing, music, passing in public, reading, and making and meeting friends.

Tracy W (IL-0531)

TERENCE S (RI) 6/84
F-M TS, 18, 5'2, blonde hair, blue eyes, very shy.
Interests: Music, dancing, sailing, skiing.
"I would like to hear from other TSs and TVs, and would especially like to correspond with another TS."
Terence S (RI-0564)

AMANDA J (Central CT) 10/84
Member Tri Ess, GGA
MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, old cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and proper when dressed. Prefer one-on-one situations rather than large gatherings.
Amanda J (CT-0290)

Barbara B. (NY-0258)

BARBARA B (Long Island, NY) 5/84
Member: NYC GGA
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekends
MWM TV, 44, 5'10", slim. Likes to be helpful, is thoughtful, courteous, honest & discreet. Values trustworthiness & dependability. Enjoys classic fashions, all kinds of music, dancing, parties, & pen pals. Loves women & all things feminine.
"I would enjoy meeting and writing to other sensible sisters."
Barbara B (NY-0258)

Judy S. (MA-0123)

JUDY LEIGH S. (N.E. MA) 4/85
Member: Tiffany Club
Married TV, 46, 5'4", pleasant, shy.
"I enjoy all sports & travel & dance music, plus just having a good time with good friends. I like to get dressed & go for rides to visit other friends."
Judy S., c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

JULIE COOK (MA) 4/84
SWM, 36, 5'9", 150, brown hair & eyes. Interested in transvestite activities, camping, movies, some rock concerts.
"I would like to meet a male or female for understanding friendship,. or long term relationship."
Julie C (MA-0535)

BARBARA FARMER (MA) 5/84
Participant: Susanna Valenti's NY Weekends
WM, mid-forties, very tall.
Interests: Photography, video, TV fiction, model railroad collector.
"I would like to meet friends for shared interests, companionship, fiction exchange, and pleasant dinners. No Drugs!"
Barbara Farmer (MA-0557)

SARAH-ANNE DENTON (FL) 5/84
Life-time TV, 70 (retired), 5'6", 163, light brown hair.
Interests: Antiques, flea markets, model RR, reading and traveling.
Will answer all.
Sarah-Anne Denton, P.O. Box 8931, Naples, FL 33941

Janice R. (TX-0567)

JANICE HILARY (TX) 5/84
MWM lifelong TV. mid 50s, 5'9", 165 (and losing). "I'm a rather shy and reserved lady who passes well and really enjoys wearing tastefull fashions appropriate to my age at every opportunity. My many interests include cooking, travle, music (listening to classical, play sax in concert band) auto sports, photography (I'm a former pro) and most of all, jkust being janice. I'm not a great correspondant but will promise to try very hard to make timelyreplies to any letters. I would also appreciate your photo if you have one."
Janice H (TX-0567)

ANGELIQUE BRUMMELL (S. CA.) 7/84
Angie describes herself as strong, pretty/handsome, graceful, morally strong, and honest. Interested in ballet and jazzercise, and obtaining information on transvestism, transsexualism and bondage.
Angelique B. (CA-0578)

PAM VAN BUREN (Northern NY) 4/85
Participant: Fantasia Fair '81, '82, '83, '84
Awards: 'Miss Femininity '84'
TV, 32, 5'8", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, quiet, caring and good humored.
Enjoys skiing, sailing, making clothes, playing music, and being a woman as often as possible. Passes well and enjoys going out dressed.
"I'm interested in meeting and corresponding with people throughout the country, and especially in the Eastern New York - Western Massachusetts area."
Pam Van Buren (NY-0253)

HELEN T (NH) 11/84
Tiffany Keyholder Member
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
MWM TV, 46, 5'11. Recently out of the closet. Hope to make social contacts in the TV Community.
Helen T, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

MICHELLE H. (Boston, MA) 7/84
WM TV/TS, 27, 5'9", 145. Attractive and passes well in public.
"My intersts are films, theatre, travel, all kinds of music, fashions, politics and all feminine things. I lead a very busy and full life and want to meet other TV/TSs who are positive people and enjoy their femininity. I am very understanding, caring, sensitive and supportive. Will answer all replies. Please write if you are sincere."
Michelle H. (MA-0576)

TERRI K (NYC, NY) 5/84
Young, interesting, dynamic, amateur TV.
Interests: Meeting other young discreet TVs who can help me realize my feminine side through clothing and make-up.
Terri K (NY-0554)

VICTORIA RICHARDS (NC) 5/84
WM, 26,, 6'. Very sincere, honest person, affectionate and caring of other people.
Interests: Photography, painting, music, all outdoor sports. Loves to go shopping.
"I would very much like to attend Crossdressers Outings in the future. I would also like to meet other TV/TSs in my area."
Victoria Richards (NC-0552)

Pamela V. (NY-0253)

JACKIE MCDONALD (NH) 8/84
Member: Tiffany General Member
Participant: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend, Tiffany's P-town Outing
WM crossdresser, 40ish, 6'1", 180, reasonably attractive.
Interests: Swimming, needlework, woodwork, micro computers. Loves shopping, long walks & Koffee Klatching. Also, is very interested in helping people.
"I reside in southern NH, & would like to meet individuals with similar interests."
Jackie McDonald, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

EVELYN BORDON (KS) 5/84
Member: GGA, Tri-Ess
Tall, sensitive TV in mid 30's trying hard to pass really well, sensitive and require discretion, go slow approach. Interests: Finding friendly shops, going out dressed with a genuine lady to accompany me. Also interested in exploring new areas of cross-dressing.
"Would like to explore electrolysis and hormones. Would also like to see an article on artificial nails, application, sources, etc. Would like to get more information on transgender lifestyle and more interest in my local area."
Evelyn Bordon (KS-0400)

Josephine L. (LA-345)

JOSEPHINE LOPEZ (LA) 5/84

5'5", 140, Hispanic. Interests: Running, tennis. Loves everything feminine, especially high heels & dresses.

"I would love to have TV-TS friends to get together with for ladies talk."

Josephine Lopez, Box 51214, New Orleans, LA 70151

PAULA KAY (NH) 8/84

32, 6', 170, brown hair, hazel eyes.

Enjoys warm weather fishing, hunting, camping, the ocean, sexy lingerie, and getting out of the closet.

"I am down to earth, easy to get along with, and quiet. I am possibly bi, feminine when dressed, and want to meet other TVs for dressing together. Would also like to meet females and couples.

Paula Kay (NH-0596)

RITA F. (S. CA) 9/84

Member: Windy City Chapter - GGA, Paradise Club

Participant: Shangri-La, 'Be All You Can Be' Weekend

Open minded, loves all things feminine, especially high heels and nylons. Also enjoys fishing, engine building, art, music.

"I travel extensively, and would like to meet others interested in being fem."

Rita F. (CA-0600)

RHONDA SOELLNER (IN) 8/84

Participant: 'Be All You Can Be Weekend'

44 (but looks 34), 5'11", 185. Dark brown hair, brown eyes, med complexion.

Enjoys sports, outdoors, dancing, parties, photography, trips, cards, movies, clubs.

"I am new to the scene as an open TV. Was in the closet for 30 years."

Rhonda Sollner, Box 4882, Evansville, IN 47711

VIKI MC. (Eastern MA) 7/84

Bi TV, 37, 5'10", 180. Enjoys fashion, movies, dancing, quiet romantic evenings.

"I'd like to meet experienced TVs with similar interests to help bring me out."

Viki Mc (MA-0580)

Donna W. (NH-0515)

DONNA WALLACE (NH) 2/85

Tiffany General Member

6'2, MWM TV, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion. "I'm interested in improving my female transformation through fashion, make-up & mannerisms. I enjoy all sports, music, and motorcycles. I'm just coming out, and seek discreet contacts only. Will respond to all letters A.S.A.P."

Donna Wallace, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

REBECCA SUZANNE C. (SE MA) 11/84

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

DWM, 50's, 6', long-time cross-dresser.

Enjoys golf, cooking, engineering, and, of course, being 'Suzanne'.

"I am totally addicted to the joys of cross-dressing. Ihave an easy-going personality and wish to establish friendship with other girls so that we may share the joys and frustrations of this wonderful feminine world that we share. If you're sensible and discreet, I would like to hear from you."

Suzanne C. (MA-0295)

Cheryl Mc. (NY-0350)

CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (N. NY) 6/85

Member: GGA

Participant: Fantasia Fair '84

SWM, TS, 34, 5'7", 145. Passable in most situations.

Interests: X-C skiing, camping, cycling, photography, dancing, lively parties, and meeting people.

"I'm interested in forming friendships with both men and women who accept me as a woman. I'm sincerely interested in exploring and developing the female side of my personality."

Cheryl M (NY-0350)

SIOBHAN DONOVAN (SE MA) 12/84
Member: Tiffany Club
MWM, 34, 6'2", 240, life long cross-dresser. Enjoys C.B., computers, graphic arts, sewing, cooking, and of course cross-dressing.
Siobhan Donovan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

SYLVIA C. (Southeast MA) 9/84
Member: Tri-Ess
6'2", grey hair, blue eyes, passable at times. Very serious about cross-dressing. Interested in meeting other TVs ("Hope my schedule will permit more in the future").
"I enjoy being a well-dressed girl, lingerie, nylons, high heels, etc. Would enjoy contacts in the Brockton MA area."
Sylvia C. (MA-0189)

Julie L. (CA-0588)

JULIE LEWIS (CA) 8/84
Hetero TV, 6'1", 210, 33. College educated. Enjoys skiing, biking, tennis, & outdoors, esp. the mountains. Loves photography.
"Though only newly 'out' I'm willing to lend a hand or an ear to any in the AZ area needing such."
Julie Lewis, c/o Box 508, San Marcos, CA 92069

Linda J. (CAN-0442)

LINDA JENSEN (ON, CAN) 5/84
Member: Gateway Gender Alliance, Transvestites Au Montreal, Beaumont Society
Hetero MWM TV, mid 30's.
Enjoys sports, cross-dressing, and dancing.
"My job and family responsibilities give me few chances to dress, so when I do, I do it with vigour. I can travel several times a year, and have been in drag in some of the world's great cities (including Boston)."
Linda Jensen, Box 15855 Sta. F, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1C-3S7

CAMILE MC. (Southeast NY) 7/84
Member: Tiffany General Member, Chi Delta Mu Chapter - Tri Ess
Hetero cross-dresser, 71, 5'10", 164, methodist, widower. Honest, & security conscious. Doesn't drink, smoke or gamble, loves & enjoys people, and lives by the old-fashioned 'golden rule' and a strict moral code.
Enjoys cross-dressing, & repairing things around the house. Loves C&W music, writes music & plays various instruments. Taught drumming.
"I'm just out of the closet and I love it. I'm a widower for 6 years, and would love to meet a nice woman who will accept me part time en femme, or better as 'sister companion', and sometimes as male companion."
C.A.M. Mc., Box 207, Pelham, NY 10803

JANET LOUISE B. (MA) 7/84
Secretary, Halcyon Society of RI
Member: Halcyon Society
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM, TV, 33, 5'11", in stocking'ed feet. Conservative in dress & deed. Enjoys music, photography, computers.
"Our name 'Halcyon' implies our wishes for peace, happiness and prosperity for all our friends. Halcyon days indeed! Won't you come and join us?"
Janet B., c/o Halcyon Society, Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

Connie N. (NY-0434)

CONNIE N. (Western NY) 4/85
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Crossroads Chapter, Paradise Club, Beaumont Society
MWM TV, 5'5", 123. A plain, ordinary, dull hetero-male cross-dresser, with a very supportive wife. Likes clean cut, attractive clothes and pretty heels. Loves to correspond and exchange photos and general chit-chat. All letters promptly answered.
C.M. Nichols, Box 0734, Jamestown, NY 14702

Naomi O. (IL-0257)

Johnnie D. (PA-0448)

NAOMI O. (Chicago, IL) 5/84

Member: Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Crossroads, Paradise Club, Outreach Institute

Participant: Fantasia Fair '80-'84, Chi Chapter Holland Weekend, 'Be All You Want To Be' Weekend

Awards: 'Miss Fantasia Fair '83', F/F 'Miss Congeniality '80 & '81'

A Chicago area attorney who loves the better things in life. Is personable and understanding. Enjoys travel, photography, food (still can't stand beets or brussel sprouts), and fashion & jewelry (it's the gypsy in my soul). Active in mid-west cross-dressing activities, and has appeared as a panelist on the David Susskind Show.

Naomi O. (IL-0257)

SANDRA F. (Long Island, NY) 8/84

Member: GGA

Mid-op TS, 5'8", 170, early 60's, half whit/half dark hair, brown eyes.

Enjoys talking with people. Is heavily involved with archery - Olympic style competition (previously head of state association), and CC of Explorer Post.

Sandra F., Box 7301-A, Hicksville, NY 11801

JEAN DANE (VA) 7/84

Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Outreach Institute, Better Living Institute

Participant: Fantasia Weekend (Wash. DC)

MWM, 5'11", 145. Can pass as a middle-aged woman. Enjoys travel, parties, meeting people, shopping, and going to restaurants while dressed. Have recently begun to spread my wings, after a long period in the closet. Would like to contact and meet with other TV/TSs, especially in the Washington DC area.

Ms Jean Dane, Box 15401, Arlington, VA 22215

JENNIFER O. (MN) 6/84

Member: GGA, Tri Ess

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

SWM hetero TV, 37, 6'2", 37, 175. Better than average looking, well adjusted, professionally employed. Enjoys cross-dressing, playing the organ and piano, taking care of my dog, and playing racquetball.

"I hope to start a social group in Minneapolis-St Paul. I have a wonderful girlfriend who enjoys my cross-dressing, and is a Tapestry subscriber."

Jennifer O. (MN-0570)

JOHNNIE D. (W. PA) 6/85

Member: Paradise Club, Trans-Pitt

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing, Be All You Want To Be Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing

MWM, 37, 5'5". Passes very well.

Interests: Loves travel, shopping, dressing, theater, music, and dancing.

"I am president of a group in Pittsburgh. Any TV in the Tri-State area can contact me for information."

Johnnie D., c/o TransPitt, Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

KIM STEVENS (IL) 6/84

Member: GGA

Hetero SWM, 36, 6', 160, attractive, stylish, pleasant, & sincere.

Interested in all things feminine, make-up, high heels, & lingerie. Also, Photography, home computing, and flying (pilot).

"I'm interested in contacting pretty TVs, TSs, and women. I'm willing to share with and learn from others. Please include photo. Will answer all."

Kim Stevens, Box 817, Oak Lawn, IL 60454

Charlene B. (TX-0586)

CHARLENE B. (TX) 8/84
Member: GGA, Tri Ess
5'8", 145, occasionally passible. Enjoys hugs, people, singing, acting, quiet music, cooking, fixing things.
"I'm a people person, warm, caring, honest and nonjudgemental. I'm interested in going out with other crossdressers, and will answer all."
Charlene B. (TX-0586)

TAMMY ELIZABETH FOSS (MA) 8/84
Member: GGA
M-F TS, 5'3, 120, brown hair, hazel eyes. Passable, sensitive, loves music (from rock and roll to Bach).
Enjoys playing guitar, electronics, cooking, sewing, reading novels. Also enjoys movies, window shopping, quiet walks along the beach.
"I would like to correspond with other M-F TSs. Will answer all correspondence."
Tammy Foss (MA-0589)

RITA HAMILTON (Boston MA) 11/84
Member: Tiffany Club
MWM hetero TV, 33, 6' 140, attractive, sincere, sensitive & adventurous.
Interested in science, music, dance, crossdressing, and having fun in high heels.
"I like going places crossdressed, where fun & interesting things are happening. I'd also like to meet people who are interested in the same."
Rita H (MA-0621)

JENNIFER BOISSEAU (MA) 10/84
Member: Tri Ess
Participant: Lee Brewster's P-town Outing
5'6", 115, medium length black hair, passes easily.
Enjoys cooking, bowling, needle point, dancing as a girl, movies, and TV books.
"The body can't be whole unless the femme self is expressed."
Ms Jennifer A. Boisseau, Box 553, Holden, MA 01520

Valarie V. (MA-0273)

VALERIE VINCENT (Boston, MA) 9/84
MWM TV, 5'10", 150. Wears fingernails over 1" long, has picture album, makes convincingly attractive TV. Loves to dress up and have pictures of self taken. Is interested in breaking into female ipersonation and would love to model clothes, makeup, etc. Will swap pictures with other TVs.
Valerie V. (MA-0276)

MARCIA GILBERT (E. MA) 10/84
MWM hetero TV, 41, dark, 5'7", sensitive and descreet.
Enjoys dressing (mostly for formal occasions), photography, dancing, and good times.
"I am just coming out, and would like to hear from all those who can help me be me."
Marcia G. (MA-0622)

Micheline J. (CAN-0560)

MICHELINE JOHNSON (ON, CAN) 5/85
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
A gentle person, attractive, open, honest, sensitive, young 40's, interesting company, nonsmoker.
Enjoys life, dancing, dining, films, theatre, music, travel, conversation, walks, wild-life, water falls, sunsets, hand holding, hugging, togetherness.
"I'm looking for a romantic affectional asexual loving warm relationship, as a woman, with one special understanding cultured person having similar charcteristics with whom to share some of life together."
Micheline Johnson, Box 9155, Ottawa, Canada K1G-3T9

NANCY S. (LA) 9/84
Member: GGA, Shangri-La
Participant: Shangri-La
Single, 30, 5'7", 135, size 11, brunette, blue eyes, can pass.
Enjoys music, photography, travel, dancing, fashion, shopping and going out for fun.
"I would like to meet or correspond with other TV/TS sisters, ladies, or others interested in the various aspects of TV/TSism. I enjoy the feminine side of life and desire to participate in functions which promote self improvement."
Nancy, c/o Box 80622, Baton Rouge, LA 70898

MICHELLE B. (VA) 10/84
Member: Delta Chi Chapter GGA
English, 53, professional automobile mechanic, a thinking man and a quiet and natural looking girl.
Enjoys gardening, roses and English cars of the thirties.
Michelle B. (VA-0617)

LOUISE C. (ME) 10/84
Member: Tri Ess
63, 5'9", 170, retired, active outdoor person.
Enjoys dancing, sailing, hunting, fishing, history, and bridge.
"I would like to meet and/or correspond with an understanding woman."
Louise C. (ME-0618)

Terri S. (MI-0476)

TERRI SCOTT (MI) 10/84
Member: Crossroads
Attractive, very feminine, out going, friendly, intelligent lady. Enjoys writing and corresponding with others of a feminine nature. Also enjoys fashions and a female lifestyle.
"I desire to continue developing my female self and to experience everything in life as a woman."
Terri Scott, Box 728, Birmingham, MI 48012

DIANA LALINDE (NJ) 10/84
Member: Tri Ess, GGA
Participant: Lee Brewster's P-town Outing
Hetero crossdresser, 5'6", 145, hispanic.
Enjoys photography, sports, car racing,a reading, U.F.O.s, country music, beauty.
"My wife loves music, dance, hockey, cats, the outdoors, make-up & fashion, and psychology. I would love to correspond with others that are looking for friendship."
Diana Lalinde, 103 60th St, B-303-101, West New York, NJ 07093

Trenna Mc. (NY-0623)

TRENNA MARIE Mc. (W. NY) 10/84
Member: Tri Ess
MWM hetero TV, 60, 5'8", 185.
Enjoys woodworking, and model railroading.
"I enjoy corresponding with my sisters, and exchanging photos. I will answer all letters."
Trenna Marie Mc (NY-0623)

ROBIN B. (FL) 10/84
MWM, 50's, 6'1, 160, lifelong crossdresser.
Enjoys tennis, golf, sailing, racing sailboats, bridge, cross-dressing.
"I would like to meet similar people in the Orlando, Daytona Beach, Tampa area."
Robin B. (FL-0611)

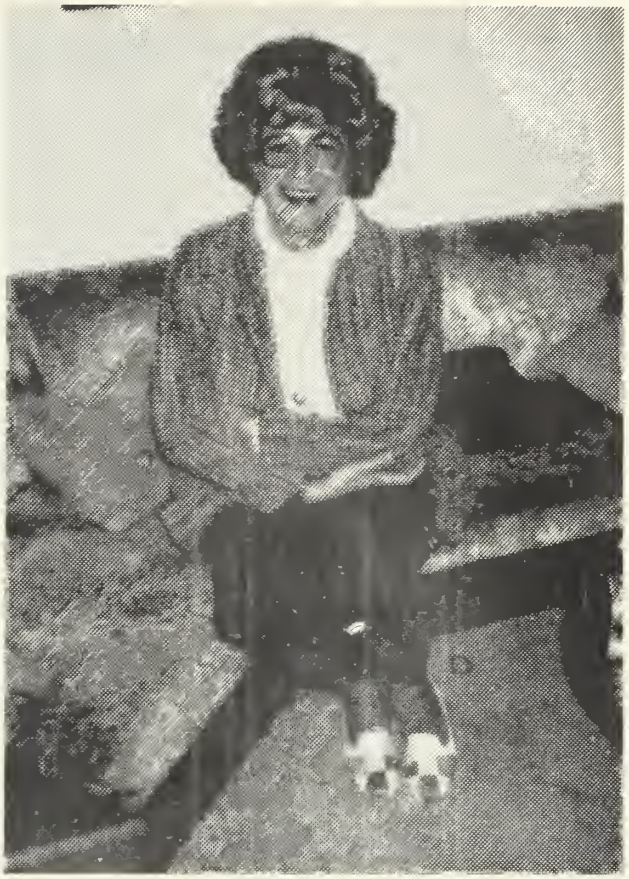
Bobbie B. (CA-0620)

BOBBIE BADAL (CA) 10/84
WM TV, 39, 5'6", 122, born under the birth sign Virgo.
Enjoys dating, music and swimming.
"I would like to meet a TV or TS for a serious relationship."
Bobbie Badal, Box 12062, San Francisco, CA 94112

DOLLY BAKER (S. NH) 12/84
MWM, Hetero, late 50s, 6'2", 195. Has a good sense of humor, and an MBA in Marketing.
Interests: Sciences, nature, art, feminine fashions, toastmasters, photography.
"I'm finally coming out of the closet, and am anxious to meet sisters for girl-talk, shopping, mutual help. Business requires travel all of U.S., and some overseas. Correspondence is invited, welcomed, and answered."
Dolly Baker (NH-0648)

JENNIFER PETERS (MA) 12/84
Member: Tiffany General Member
27, 5'9", 150. Easy going, lifelong interest in TVism.
Interests: Travel, music, clothes shopping, anything dealing with TVism.
"I hope to meet other persons anywhere who enjoy the experiences of a male transformed into a pretty woman."
Jennifer Peters, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Gloria W. (IL-0613)



Ellen S. (OR-382)

GLORIA WRIGHT (IL) 10/84

Member: Chi Chapter Tri Ess, Windy City Chapter GGA

Awards: 1st Runner-Up Miss Windy City GGA '84

Hetero, 5'3", 32, outgoing, understanding, fun loving.

Enjoys music, singing, photography. Also enjoys going out 'dressed' and passes well.

"I love correspondence, and meetings with everyone."

Gloria Wright, Box 172, Gurnee, IL 60031

PAULA RIORDAN (E. MA) 10/84

Tiffany General Member

Participant: Fantasia Fair '83

MWM hetero TV,52,5'8", 160, soft spoken, easy going, friendly. Enjoys history, philosophy, religion, cosmetology, fashion, cooking and ballet.

"I am happy being 'Paula', and I enjoy conversation & correspondence with friends I have met through the Tiffany Club and the Tapestry. Although opportunities are limited, I pass fairly well, & enjoy going out with friends."

Paula Louise Riordan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

RENEE' SLOCUM (N. NY) 12/84

SWM, 26, 5'11", 155, hetero crossdresser, college educated, shy but friendly, good sense of humor.

Interests: Enjoys music (R-n'-R) oldies), collecting antiques & anything old, tennis, ballet, cooking, elegant private parties, dressing up & being feminine.

"I would like to meet and/or correspond with other crossdressers and women. Crossdressing for 14 years and would eventually like to form a support group/club to serve the Finger Lakes area."

Renee' Slocum (NY-0651)

SHARON MC (SE MA) 12/84

Member: Tiffany General Member

Participant: Fantasia Fair

SWM TV, possible TS, bi, 31, 5'6", 140. Brunette, blue eyes, can pass.

Interests: Shopping trips, travel, skiing, old cars, all types of music, and being feminine.

"I'm interested in corresponding and meeting other TVs, TSs, and women with whom I can be my feminine self. Will answer all."

Sharon Mc (MA-0504)

ELLEN S (OR) 10/84

Member Tri Ess, GGA, Corresponding Secretary for NW Chapter GGA

Participant DREAM '78,'80,'83

Grande Dame DREAM '83

Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music (big band era) and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.

Ellen S., c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

MARIETTE ALLEN (NYC) 12/84

Female. Photographer for Fantasia Fair '81-'84, and Tiffany's Spring Weekend '83-'84.

"I consider myself a friend of the paraculture. I am interested in making changes in society to reduce pain caused by 'gender dysphoria'."

"I am available for portrait photography at my studio in NYC, or in setting around the city. I am looking for crossdressers whom I could photograph at home with wife and children, anywhere in New England and Mid-Atlantic area."

M.P. Allen, 211 C.P.W., NYC, NY 10024

BARBARA JANE A. (MN) 1/85
Member: GGA
DWM closet TV, 57, 5'7".
Interests: Boys who would rather be girls.
"I would like to make new friends, especially in the Twin Cities area."
Barbara Jane (MN-0655)

MURIAL E. (DE) 10/84
Member Tri Ess
Hetero, 5'8, retired. Has been crossdressing many many years. Loves to visit. Enjoys model building, and photography.
Murial E. (DE-0475)

Eileen C. (OH-0486)

EILEEN CLAFLIN (OH) 11/84
MWM, hetero TV, 6', 35, passible on occasion. Loves kids, kittens, and being Eileen. Enjoys meetings and correspondence, music, photography & shopping. "Would like to make contact with other sisters to share experiences, viewpoints and understanding."
Eileen C (OH-0486)

Laura C. (CA-0480)

LAURA R. COVINGTON (N. CA) 11/84
Member GGA, Tri Ess, Shangri-La
MBM, hetero, 35, 5'8". Attractive, pleasant, understanding. Interested in contacting TVs and women. "I have many interest, and will answer all."
Laura R. Covington, P.O. Box 10431, Oakland, CA 94610

DOROTHY G. (NJ) 11/84
Member: Chi Delta Mu - Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair '80 & '81, Joyce Dewhurst's Pocono Weekends, Tiffany's Wives Group Outing '84
Married hetero male crossdresser, with a very supportive wife. He 42, she 36.
Enjoys socializing, especially with other couples for friendship.
"My wife is handicapped (post-polio), but enjoys attending get-togethers. We're willing to help other couples having 'acceptance' problems."
Dorothy G. (NJ-0627)

JOAN V. (Boston, MA) 6/84
"I would like to dress more, and meet someone with whom I could dress (preferably in the Boston area). I'm told I'm good looking. Please contact me.
Joan V. (MA-0152)

Terri D. (NV-0406)

TERRI DOWNS (NV) 11/84
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Shangri-La
Participant: Shangri-La, DREAM
Auburn hair, grey eyes, 5'11", size 16/18. Loves flying, ham radio, country & string music. Is a book collector, a history buff, and into solar energy.
"I love to dress, attend dress-up parties, and meet other TV/TS girls. Will escort around Vegas, and will answer all. Picture is appreciated, but not necessary."
Terri Downs, Box 4116, N. Las Vegas, NV 89030-0116

KAREN JANE M. (TX) 3/85
DWM hetero TV, 43, 6'1", 168, attractive, retired, intelligent.
Interests: Motorcycling, music, trivial pursuit, cooking, conversation.
"I'm looking for friends and support. Want to improve my image. Limited travel.
Karen Jane M. (TX-0689)

CINDY V. (Hartford, CT) 9/84
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA, Crossroads, Chi Delta Mu, TAMs
SWM hetero TV, 28, 5'8", 140. Enjoys Photography, crafts, music - most types, deserted beaches are fun, enjoys making friends.
"I would like to exchange letters & photos with other TVs, and meet when possible. Will answer all letters. Also interested in hearing from women who are interested in transgenderists as friends, share ideas, feelings, etc."
Cindy V. (CT-0381)

Christina S. (MA-0649)

CHRISTINA S. (E. MA) 12/84
36, 5'11", 175. Married, life-long TV.
"I enjoy dressing and becoming a woman. I'm an accomplished cook, baker, photographer. I'd love to correspond with and possibly meet with other TVs to discuss mutual interests. Want to get out of the closet and among friends."
Christy S. (MA-0649)

SUZIE M. (NJ) 3/85
Tall sexy W TV, 43, average weight, light hair.
Interested in meeting with other TVs in New Jersey area for mutual enjoyment. Photo, phone please. All answered.
Suzie M. (NJ-0686)

Shiela K. (PA-0336)

SHIELA KIRK (W. PA) 2/85
Member: Tiffany Club, Trans-Pitt, Paradise Club
Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing.
"I love music and literature - I work very hard so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm anxious to meet many others who delight in the same feelings." Shiela K (PA-0336)

ROBERTA CLARK (VA) 8/84
6'2" married TV with a wife learning to understand.
Interests: sports (basketball, football, baseball, etc.), movies, dancing, and plays.
"I would like to meet and become friends with other married TVs with understanding wives."
Roberta C. (VA-0598)

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (MA) 1/85
MWM TV, 34, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood.
Interests: Music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running.
"I want to let my femininity blossom. I'm sensitive and caring. I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun. I need some TV/TS companionship."
Heather A. (MA-0661)

MARWAN McKENZIE (GA) 10/84
F-M pre-op TS, 5'10", 140, 23, black hair, brown eyes.
Loves music! Enjoys reading, and sports. Loves Music, dancing, meeting people, and receiving letters.
"I'm the type that gets along with most everyone, and love fun and laughter. I will correspond with anyone, and especially hope to meet people in Georgia, or surrounding states."
Marwan McKenzie, 241 Troy St, Apt 9, Atlanta, GA 30314

GERI LYNN (Detroit MI) 1/85
Member: Crossroads Chapter
Bi TV, 50's, 6', does not pass.
Interested in all things feminine, partial to heels, nylons, cosmetics, lingerie, nail polish.
"I'm interested in exchanging photos, and polaroid picture taking sessions. I will answer all letters."
Geri L (MI-0668)

Cheryl Ann C. (NY-0669)

CHERYL ANN C. (W. NY) 2/85
Member: Co-founder of Butterfly, Eon
5'8", 175, 33. "Married to a super lady who loves all of me."
Interests: Photography, computers, theater, of course crossdressing, organizing Butterfly.
"I love couples parties and traveling to other clubs to meet new people. I especially like the thrill of helping someone come out."
Cheryl Ann C., PO Box 7161, Endicott NY 13760

Andi K. (CA-0656)

Kay G. (CA-0323)

ANDI K. (N. CA) 1/85
Member: Tri Ess, ETVC, GGA
Awards: Miss ETVC '84
Hetero, 36, 5'7".
"I am interested in meeting other TVs in the San Fraancisco Bay area for outings and mutual assistance. I will attempt to answer all correspondence."
Andi K. (CA-0656)

CAROL TAYLOR (N. NY) 1/85
"1, 5'9", 170. Blonde, attractive (I'm told), friendly, outgoing.
Interests: Golf, skiing, boating, writing, intimate feminine apparel.
"I have a sincere interest in all aspects of crossdressing and femininity, and desire to correspond with and meet others. I have special knowledge and experience in underfashions and desire to help or discuiss same with others. Would love to help with figure problems, and will answer all."
Carol Taylor, Box 8831 Academy Sta., Albany, NY 12208

VICTORIA BROWN (KS) 3/85
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM hetero crossdresser, 41 yrs young, 5'10", 185, light brown hair, hazel eyes, medium complexion.
Interests: Studying to be an alcohol & drug counselor, under social work with special emphasis on crossdressing. Also, tropical fish, woodworking, photography, gardening.
"I am working very hard at coming out of the closet. I have accepted my feminine self and am enjoying it very much. I have a very tolerant and accepting wife, who at present acts as my adviser on feminine matters, but does not fully understand crossdressers."
Victoria Brown (KS-0684)

SUSAN A. (MA) 3/85
Participant: Fantasia Fair
MWM TV, 5'7", 145, Long-time TV who is considered attractive and passible. Loves collecting and wearing feminine clothing, especially lingerie. Would like to meet others with similar interests.
Susan A. (MA-0064)

KAY GOULD (CA) 3/85
Member: GGA
Very feminine and totally passable. Enjoys all aspects of feminine life style. Strong personality with ultra femme tastes.
Interests: Fine music, dining, theatre, and high fashion.
"I Date extensively, and travel heavily throughout the US. I appreciate male escorts in most cities. Am very accomplished in all feminine ways but demanding in personality. I also write for several national publications."
Kay Gould, Box 255, Sacramento, CA 95802

JANICE MARIE M. (N. NJ) 2/85
Member: Chi Delta Mu - Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair (5X), DREAM (1X)
6', 200, 50's. Electronics engineer, former amateurradio operator, passes well in public.
Interests: Singing ballads (Irish, Scottish, & Country), shopping en femme, dining out en femme.
Janice M. (NJ- 0213)

Donna Marie H. (NY-0670)

DONNA MARIE H. (W. NY) 2/85
Member: Tri-Ess, Eon
MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'7", 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Married to a very supportive wife, father of 4 children.
Interests: Perfecting femme image, heels, lingerie, make-up, all things feminine. Also, camping, model building, custom painting, cars & vans.
I am interested in working to develop our group 'Eon' and working with those just coming out, and novices. Would like to work with couples and presenting hetero X-dressing to families & children."
Donna Marie H. (NY-0670)

ROBIN BETH I. (MI) 2/85
Gentle male TV, raised in loving feminine household to enjoy androgyny, dance, and girlishness in dress and manner.
Interests: Fashions of the 20's - 50's, especially children's fashions. "I am interested in exchanging pictures, info & stories on these topics, and also on the problems of raising children today to enjoy femininity, androgyny, and grace. Girls who enjoy a feminine boy are a special interest."
Robin I. (MI-0674)

Lee A. (ME-0247)

LEE A. (ME) 4/85
MWM, 5'10", 175, good personality, loves to correspond and/or meet others.
Interests: Jogging, skiing (x-country and downhill), motor cycles, fishing, hunting, indoor sports.
Lee A. (ME-0247)

SUSAN C. (MA) 1/85
SWM TV, 32.
Interests: Music, film, theater, books.
"I'm hoping to meet intelligent, open-minded, and imaginative friends."
Susan C. (MA-0332)

LORA W. (Phila. PA) 1/85
Member: Tri-Ess Chi Delta Mu
MWM, 70, 6'1", 195. hetero. Enjoys model building, crewel & needlepoint.
"Will correspond with those who are sincere, have a nice wardrobe, and enjoy dressing."
Lora W. (PA-0414)

SANDRA B. (NE MA) 12/84
46, 5'9", 155. Brown Hair, hazel eyes.
Interests: Crossdressing, learning to be more feminine.
"I'm just coming out of the closet and would like to correspond with other TVs."
Sandra B. (MA-0646)

ANDREA G. (CT) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM TV, 5'11", 160, 46.
Interests: TV fiction & non-fiction, sports, good food.
"I would like to meet or correspond with others, especially in the Connecticut - Western Mass. area."
Andrea G. (CT-0425)

PAMELA DEA (WA) 1/85
5'11", 38, blue eyes. Friendly & gently, good sense of humor, has humanist philosophy.
Interests: Poetry, drama, all the fine arts, chess, and all things feminine.
"I'm looking for friends, female or male, TV, TS, etc., to help in feminization."
Pamela Dea, PO Box 1801, Yakima, WA 98907

Janice H. (MA-0254)

JANICE H. (MA) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair (4 times)
DWM hetero TV, 59, 5'6", 150, brown hair and blue eyes. A little on the quiet side, but makes friends easily. Doesn't smoke.
Interests: Eating out in a nice restaurant, loves country music, good movies, and dressing up.
"Will answer all letters."
Janice H. (MA-0254)

Shirley Knight (CO-0493)

Mary Lou H. (CAN-0440)

SHIRLEY KAY KNIGHT (CO) 11/84
Member: Denver GIC
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing (2 times), GGA Spring Fling '85
SWM TV, 43, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine.
Enjoys traveling, dancing, sewing, and going out in public dressed.

"I am interested in meeting other TVs, particularly in the Rocky Mountain region."
Shirley K. Knight, P.O. Box 1042, Pueblo, CO 81002

PAULETTE B. (E. MA) 6/84
Strictly hetero closet TV, 30, seeking pretty female with whom to share secret, and possibly develop relationship , and/or attend TV events. Can travel.
Paulette B. (MA-0563)

SUE T. (S.E. MA) 3/85
WM, 37, 6'2", 180, brown hair, hazel eyes.
Interests: Boating, fishing, scuba diving, and biking.
"I would like to correspond with members who have the same interests."
Sue T. (MA-0690)

BILLI D. (MA) 3/85
Hetero TV, 5'11", 190, 32, pleasant looking, able to pass with little trouble.
Interests: War games, military officers, military history, painting (miniatures), cross-dressing.
"Am anxious to make friends with other persons like myself."
Billi D., Box 80112, Springfield, MA 01138

BELLE D. (MA) 2/85
Artist, mid-fifties. Does not "pass", but integrates feminine ways into life. Would identify with isolation feelings. Appreciates candidness and honesty.
Interests: The arts, painting, sculpture, photography, writing, theatre, travel.
"I Would be willing to correspond with totally honest, candid persons."
Belle D. (MA-0237)

JENNIFER B. (E. MA) 4/85
Member: Tiffany Club
MWM, 36, 5'10", 145, rock musician, conceptual artist, someone who enjoys mellow friendly people. Also a P-T student, and amateur philosopher.
Jennifer B. (MA-0695), c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

MARY LOU H. (AL. CAN) 5/85
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
SWM hetero TV, 60, 5'8", size 12, professional musician and composer, loves nature, concerts, drama, museums, travelling. Stylish dresser, good fashion taste, has makeup troubles. Will meet fine TVs and understanding girls/ladies. "I need only make-up training."
Mary Lou H. (CAN-0440)

WINNIE BRANT (N. NY) 2/85
Member: Tri-Ess, Eon
Participant: Fantasia Fair (all of them), DREAM, Tiffany's P-town Outing
Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair
Hetero TV, 52, 6'2", a lady.
Has many interests, scientific and culturally oriented. Loves to travel.
Mr W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady, NY 12301

BOBBIE B (SE MA) 8/84
SWM, 47, bi, enjoy lingerie. Easy going, good looks, trim build, would like to hear from other TV/TSs. Will answer all.
Bobbie B (MA-0461)

Tracy S. (DC-0650)

TRACY S. (Washington DC) 12/84
WM TV, 5'11", 155, slim, passable, and sexy.
Interests: Travel, companionship, romance, living life to the fullest as a woman.
"I enjoy meeting and corresponding with all TVs, TSs, women and couples. I travel the East and Midwest, and can entertain visitors to Washington."
Tracy S. (DC-0650)

JOAN MARIE GREY (S. CA) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA, Shangri-La, Outreach Institute
50, 5'11", 180.
Interests: Being a woman, going out to all places while dressed. Also loves music, theatre, books, cooking, and model railroading. President of Alpha Chapter of Tri-Ess.
Joan G (CA-0532)

VANESSA S. (FL) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM hetero TV, 44, not able to dress frequently.
Interests: Reading, especially mystery fiction. Also, history, and stamp collecting. Especially interested in history of transvestism.
Vanessa S. (FL-699)

SHARON KANE (N. NY) 4/85
MWM cross-dresser, 38, 5'8", 150, sensitive and shy.
Enjoys fishing and bowling. Also loves to dress in pretty lingerie and dresses.
"I would like to hear from other TV/TS women and exchange fantasies and ideas about dressing up."
Sharon K (NY-0700)

RENEE CARROLL (SE CT) 10/84
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant Tiffany's Weekend '82, Fantasia Fair, Shangri La, DREAM '83
SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.
Miss Renee Carroll, (CT-0292)

LEISA JEAN C. (OK) 12/84
Member: Tri Ess, GGA
Life long crossdresser, 39.
Interests: Photography, poetry, art and reading.
Leisa C. (OK-0643)

Julia M. (CAN-0701)

JULIA L. MATHESON (BC, CAN) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess, NW Chapter GGA, Beaumont Society
Articles printed in Femme Mirror and the Beaumont Bulletin.
WM hetero TV, 54, 5'7".
"With my earliest memories of TVism going back to about 4 years old, I now try to project the image of the well-groomed, slightly stuffy, middle-aged matron to whom the precise matching of her shoes, purse, gloves and nylons is a major concern. My other interests are opera, history, photography and aviation. I am very lucky in having several supportive women friends."
Mrs. Julia Matheson, Box 3745, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z1, CAN

Carolyn J. (MA-0541)

CAROLYN JENNINGS (E. MA) 4/85
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM TV, 33, 6', 150, attractive, rock musician/song writer, very outgoing.
enjoys nights on the town, high fashion, especially shoes, good music and a good party.
"Come on out - and let's party!"
Carolyn J. (MA-0541)

ALICIA EVANS (MAINE) 5/85
WM-F pre-op TS, 31, 6', 150.
Interests: Music (pop/rock writer/performer), outdoors, people, politics, philosophy, computers, psychology, and all feminine things.
"I have many hetero friends who accept me for who I am and encourage me to be all I can be. But, I would like to meet other TSs and TVs and become active in the paraculture. Letters, photo, phone communication also desired. Please write."
Alicia Evans, P.O. Box 1056, Westbrook, ME 04092

JERI LEE (N.W. WA) 5/85
SWM hetero closet TV, 28, 6'.
"I care, like to help others. I enjoy many interests, and am willing toshare them with others. I would like to meet TVs & TSs and women who are understanding so I can get out of the closet, enjoy the feminine side of me, and hope to make some friends along the way."
Jeri Lee (WA-0725)

Eve B. (IL-0523)

EVE B. (CHICAGO, IL) 3/85

Member: Tri-Ess Chi Chapter, Outreach Institute

Participant: DREAM 77-79, Chi Chapter Holland WE, Fantasia Fair 82-84

Eve is elegant, fun-loving girl who "exists" 3 to 4 daysa week. Enjoys shopping, dining out and traveling the mid-west and west. Also, frequently participates in pane discussions and lectures at colleges and professional organizations. Eve also plays golf and tennis.

Eve B. (IL-0523)

PAT S. (E. PA) 2/85

Member: GGA

5'11", 230, Cau., extrovert & good sense of humor. Interested in reading, Chess, swimming, writing, communications, and exchanging of ideas, customs, etc.

"I am interested in building a foundation of companionship and trust, a friendship of togetherness in mind, body and spirit and expression, blanketed with understanding and appreciation."

Pat S. (PA-0509)

CHRISTINA MARIE MARION (NH) 5/85

Age 32, a rural person, fairly liberal, and an avid amateur naturalist.

Interests: Fishing, canoeing, wildlife photography, wild food gathering, gardening, hunting, cooking, designing leather flowers.

"I'm interested in meeting others with similar interests."

Christina M (NH-0709)

SUSAN C. HUXFORD (ON CAN) 5/85

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Susan C. Huxford, c/o Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton, ON L8N 3C8 CANADA (416) 529-7884

JANICE BROWN (NH) 3/85

Member: Tiffany Club

WM TV, 5'10", 165, hazel eyes. Basically shy, quiet, courteous, and considerate of other people.

Interests: Art, photography, music, outdoors.

"I would like to correspond with other TVs across the country, and exchange photos, thoughts on dressing and make-up, and share experiences."

Janice Brown, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

MAEGAN M. TAYLOR (N. NJ) 5/85

MWM, 42, 5'10", 150, shy, sensitive, sincere, somewhat introverted, artist, architect.

Interests: My children (4), gardening, nouvelle cuisine (cooking & eating), philosophy, psychology (particularly R.D. Laing), theology, music, genetic engineering.

"I would like an answer to the question 'Why didn't I do this sooner?'"

Maegan T (NJ-0716)

ADRIENNE R. (MD) 5/85

SWM, 33, slender, thrills to the pinch of high heels durng a long walk, the gentle bounce of a skirt against nylon-clad knees.

Seeks correspondence, photo exchange, possible meetings with women, TVs in the MD, VA, DC area. Enjoys very feminine fashions--dresses, bows, gloves, heels, makeup, lingerie. Hopes to find friends with similar interests for mutual improvement of our female selves.

Adrienne R. (MD-0721)

JULIE COOK (MA) 4/85

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

SWM, 37, 5'9", 150, brown hair & eyes.

Interests: Camping, movies, and improving my feminine image.

"I would like to meet others with mutual feminine interests."

Julie Cook, P.O. Box 801, Marlboro, MA 01752

BARBARA C. (CT) 11/84

TV, 42. Wishes to meet others who like to dress and wish to further their experiences with another friend. Am totally open minded and willing to try anything within reason at least once. Travel New England, New York, and New Jersey. Want to further my way out of the closet. Would also love to meet with a couple.

Barbara C.-0404)

Ronnie B. (MA-0632)

Evelyn K. (OH-0713)

VERONICA JEAN BROWN (W. MA) 11/84

Member: GGA, Harriet Lane's, XX Club

Participant: Tiffany P-town Outing '84, Fantasia Fair '84

Pre-op TS, 40, hormones three years, electolysis 75% complete. Living and Working full time as a woman. Have met and conquered most of the pitfalls that accompany a gender change and have surgery approval.

Interested in photography, running, aerobics, computers, and sewing. Am vegetarian and non-smoker. My goal is to achieve total femininity in mind and body to match my female spirit.

Veronica Jean Brown, P.O. Box 80458, Forest Park Sta., Springfield, MA 01138

ANGELA S. (W. NY) 5/85

Member: Eon

Participant: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing

MWM, 39, with supportive wife.

Interests: Fly fishing, traveling, motorcycling, EON.

"I'm thoroughly motivated and intellectually stimulated by crossdressing, and living out my fantasies as angela. I'm hoping to lead the rest of my life as a happy person."

Angela S., c/o EON, P.O. Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031

JENNIFER BARTON (E. MA) 7/85

MWM, 6'4", 205, brown hair, blue eyes, sensitive, caring.

Enjoys biking, music, video, basketball, some tennis, feeling & looking beautiful (hopefully).

"I would like to meet someone in the Boston area who is interested in fashion, and could help me with clothes, makeup, etc (TV, TS, or F). I will answer all mail."

Ms Jennifer Barton, Box 622, Allston, MA 02134

CARL L. ECKARDT (OH) 3/85

Member: The Network, Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation, Transsexual Voice

Married F-M TS, 39, 5'6", 200 (but losing), brown hair, hazel eyes, disabled.

Interests: Sports, reading, fishing, likes animals.

"I am a F to M TS waiting for final surgery. If any other TS wants to write, I will try to return all letters. Any F to M, or anyone else, having any information on final surgery, I would be interested in hearing from them."

Carl L. Eckardt, 1269 Primrose Place, Columbus, OH 43212

EVELYN J. KRAMER (OH) 4/85

Member: Paradise Club, Trans-Pitt, Crossroads

Participant: Be All You Can Be W/E

WM, mid-50's, 145, 5'8", fair complexion

Interests: Model railroading, modeling, outdoor activities, writing 'Evelyn's Cris Cross' column in 'Paradise Tales'

"I would like to help others & myself to be a better TV/TS, and to make new friends, to share my life with others as a woman, and to be involved with other clubs & groups."

Evelyn J. Kramer, 5212 Duke Ave-Up, Cleveland, OH 44102

LAURA LEE (SE MA) 5/85

DWM TV, 26, 5'6", 145, brown hair, blue eyes.

Interests: New experiences, romance, walks on the beach, nature.

"I feel alone and would enjoy TV, TS, & women friends to talk to, meet, and dress with. I am new to cross-dressing, and need wardrobe help. I love nylons & heels and the feel of silk. The ideal friend would be a passible TV, TS or woman around my age, to help me explore all aspects of TV life, and possibly date. Will answer all."

Laura L (MA-0729)

Jane N. (KS-0694)

Karen K. (CA-0536)

JANE NANCE (KS) 4/85

Member: Tri-Ess, GGA

MWM, mid-50's, 5'7", 135. Supportive wife, masters degree.

Interests: Expressing strong basic feminine feelings in any appropriate situation, i.e., theatre, good movies. Also enjoys classical music.

"I'm committed to my marriage, although my feelings lean toward transsexualism. I'm a private person who has kept most contacts to correspondence only, but I would appreciate the help & sharing received from other cross-dressers, and willing, in turn, to share my struggles, growth & experiences as time permits."

Ms Jane Nance, Box 67088, Topeka, KS 66667

FRANCESCA MILLS (NE MA) 5/85

SWM bi-TV, 32

Enjoys the outdoors, science fiction & fantasy, enjoys being around other TVs, and having good times together. Would look forward to some correspondence, and meeting others from the Northeast Mass. area."

Francesca M (MA-0352)

TARAE TAIBROOKE (SE MA) 4/85

SM hetero TV, 26, 6'5", 220

Interests: Lingerie, makeup, leather clothing, leotards & tights. Loves boots, clogs & penny loafers. Also enjoys house work, travel, sports, animals, outdoors, walking, & bike rides.

"I would to hear from guys or gals. Are there any bondage fans out there? Would like to traid or share ideas and fantasies."

Tarae Taibrook, Box 128, Braintree, MA 02184

LORI S. (IN) 12/84

TV, 41, 6'1", 175. Average looking, clean, descreet, very broadminded.

Interested in any and all TV activities.

"I am interested in meeting, rather than prolonged writing. I also prefer correspondance that is within a 100 mile radius of South-Central Indiana."

Lori S. (IN-641)

WENDI ROBERTSON (S. CA) 4/85

"I want to meet a sister in the So. Calif. area to be a good friend."

Wendi R. (CA-704)

KAREN K. (CA) 4/85

Member: Tri-Ess, GGA

SWM hetero TV, 42, 5'9", 182. Pleasant personality who enjoys meeting people. Interested in photography, camping, & hiking, running, all sports, good instrumental music, reading, & stamp collecting.

"I enjoy writing and meeting with sisters. I also travel a great deal. I also enjoy going out dressed, but I'm careful."

Karen K (CA-0322)

LORI K. (OH) 4/85

Member: Tri-Ess

MWM, 32, 2 yr associate degree, wife somewhat supportive.

Interests: Reading, cooking, vegetable gardening.

"I have been on hormones 2 yrs, passable on occasion. My weak points: makeup & hair styling. Need help in these areas. Seeking more opportunities to go out in public "en femme". Will correspond with others."

Lori K (OH-0712)

ANNE MARIE C. (NS CAN) 5/85
WM bi-TV, 38, 5'11", 180.
"I want to correspond and meet TVs and TSs in Canada, and the Northeast U.S. I travel often to the Northeast part of the U.S. and would like to correspond to share fantasies with other TV sisters and maybe meet in person in the future."
Mike Chaplin, P.O. Box 1446, Halifax North Station, Halifax, NS B3K 5H7 Canada

LINDA L. (N. NY) 5/85
WM, 40, 140, interested in cross-dressing.
"I have no interest in passing, but I would like to meet and/or correspond with those secure enough to pass."
Linda L (NY-0726)

JANE MURPHY (W. NY) 4/85
Member: Butterfly
SWM TV, 22, 6'1", 38-32-40, big blue eyes.
Interests: Camping, basketball, softball, cooking, classical music, writing satire.
"I have been a TV since about age 4. It has been only recently that I have felt comfortable leaving the confines of my apt as my other half."
Jane M. (NY-0692)

MICHELE KINNEY (C. MA) 4/85
Pre-op TS, 5'9", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, artist, intellectual, non-religious.
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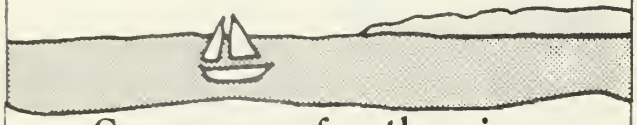

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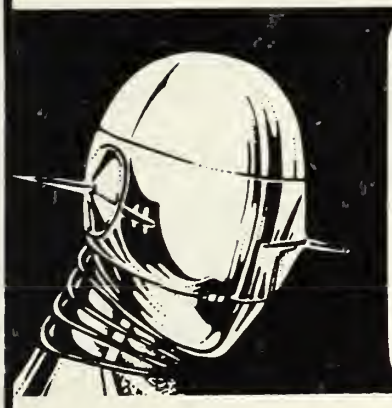

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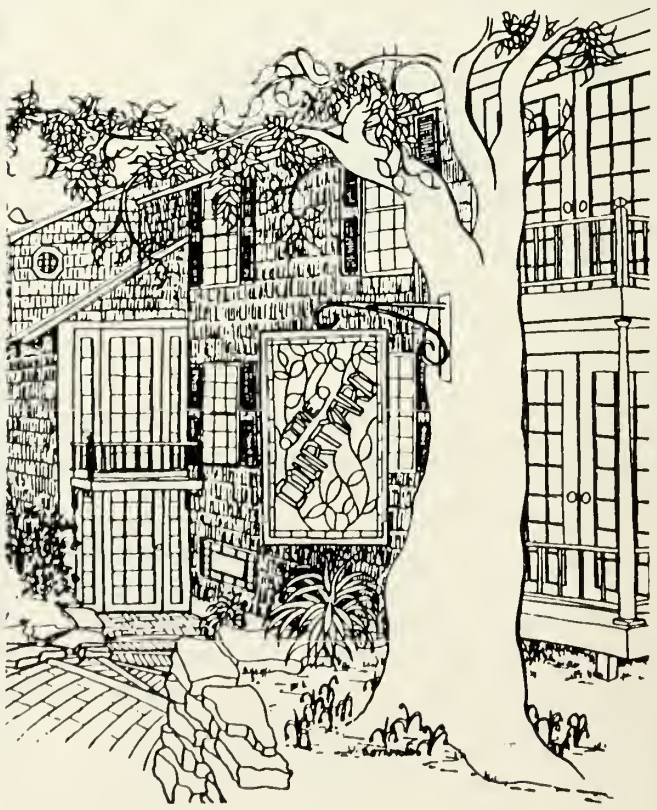

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